

Introduced by: Drathman, Scalzi & O'Brien
Date: 09/01/98
Action: Adopted as Amended
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 98-072**

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE USE OF THE PORTS OF HOMER AND
SEWARD AS PORTS OF CALL FOR THE M/V KENNICOTT DURING 1999 AND
SUBSEQUENT YEARS**

- WHEREAS,** the M/V KENNICOTT's inaugural year serving Southcentral Alaska is quickly coming to an end and scheduling for the M/V KENNICOTT for the 1999 season will be occurring very soon; and
- WHEREAS,** previous discussions with state officials indicated that if the traveling public would use the Port of Homer and could fill the ferry to capacity at Homer, then Homer would be considered as a port of call; and
- WHEREAS,** two ports on the Kenai Peninsula, Seward and Homer, have the port facilities and passenger capabilities to support the ferry operation; and
- WHEREAS,** it is beneficial for the Kenai Peninsula to provide entry into the State that allows the traveling public access to the Kenai Peninsula and Southcentral Alaska, and convenient access to Southeast Alaska for central and southern Kenai Peninsula travelers; and
- WHEREAS,** ports of call at Homer and Seward would offer entry ports into the State that provide access to the Kenai Peninsula and Southcentral Alaska to the traveling public; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ports of Homer and Seward provide convenient access to Southeast Alaska for central and southern peninsula travelers, as well as Southcentral Alaska travelers; and
- WHEREAS,** the Port of Homer has the facilities to easily accommodate the M/V KENNICOTT and its passengers; and
- WHEREAS,** ticketing authorities have indicated that it would not be difficult to reach capacity with Homer-based travelers; and
- WHEREAS,** Seward has proven effective in filling to capacity the new ferry vessel M/V KENNICOTT on two port of call visits, and this trend is projected to continue; and

WHEREAS, Both the City of Homer and City of Seward are involved in dock expansion projects in conjunction with the Alaska Marine Highway System which will result in new ferry terminals and docking facilities for preferential moorage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That all efforts be made and all consideration be given to making the Port of Homer a port of call for the M/V KENNICOTT.

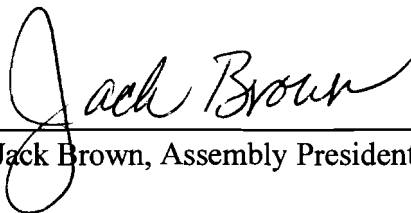
SECTION 2. That all efforts be made and all consideration be given to continuing the use of the Port of Seward as a port of call for the M/V KENNICOTT.

SECTION 3. That copies of this resolution be provided to the City of Homer, the City of Seward, Speaker of the House Phillips, Senator Torgerson and Joseph Perkins, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

SECTION 4. That Commissioner Perkins is hereby requested to consider implementing a marine highway schedule that includes Homer as a port of call, beginning with the 1999 schedule.

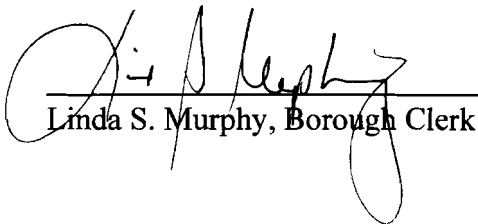
SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1998.



Jack Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

