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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 98-088**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR, ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE, AND
THE ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ADOPT A
PRO-COMPETITION POLICY FOR LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICES**

- WHEREAS,** modem telecommunications infrastructure is of critical importance to spur economic development in the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and
- WHEREAS,** wider choice by consumers accompanied by competition for the quality and price of telecommunications services is in the best interest of Kenai Peninsula Borough consumers; and
- WHEREAS,** education and medical services will benefit from advanced telecommunications services such as high speed internet access; and
- WHEREAS,** competition in long distance telecommunications has helped to encourage all of these benefits in Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** local telephone competition has only been authorized in Anchorage to date where it has reduced prices significantly so far this year and has increased the availability and variety of services; and
- WHEREAS,** competition in the local telecommunications market should produce the same kind of benefits when permitted in the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and
- WHEREAS,** the Alaska Public Utilities Commission has failed to approve and application for local telephone competition in the Kenai Peninsula Borough;

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

- SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly hereby encourages the Alaska State Legislature to adopt a pro-competition policy for local telephone services.
- SECTION 2.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough urges the Alaska Public Utilities Commission to complete its relevant dockets and make a decision on pending applications for local telephone service no later than January 1, 1999.
- SECTION 3.** That a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Knowles, all Kenai Peninsula Borough Legislators and the Alaska Public Utilities Commission.
- SECTION 4.** That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS * DAY OF
OCTOBER, 1998.**

Jack Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk