Introduced by:

Mayor

Date:

11/17/98

Action: Vote: Adopted as Amended 7 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 98-092

## A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH "Y2K" TASK FORCE

- WHEREAS, the Year 2000 Computer Problem, known as the "Y2K" Problem, is simply the predicted failure of some computers to recognize the difference between the year 1900 and the year 2000, causing the failure of some systems operated by computers; and
- WHEREAS, these failures may occur on or before January 1, 2000; and
- WHEREAS, the President of the United States, the Governor of Alaska, the National Association of Counties, the National League of Cities, and others have declared the "Y2K" Problem as a major potential threat to our local economies, and public and private services; and
- WHEREAS, the United States operates on approximately 25 billion computer "chips," and experts estimate that 1% to 2% (250 to 500 million) of those computer chips will cause failure in the systems they operate; and
- WHEREAS, computer chips are found in key systems like computers, navigational equipment, electric switches and pumps, transportation equipment, environmental controls, banking and monetary systems, communications systems, health systems, etc.; and
- WHEREAS, the "Y2K" Problem is a nation-wide, state-wide and community-wide problem because most key systems are interconnected and interdependent; and
- WHEREAS, one undiscovered "Y2K" Problem in a community, or in a non-local business or system serving a community, can cause the failure of many other systems and services; and
- WHEREAS, the "Y2K" Problem is primarily an executive and management problem because the solution is dependent upon executives and local elected officials recognizing the "Y2K" Problem as a top priority and allocating the necessary financial and staff resources now;

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

- **SECTION 1.** The Kenai Peninsula Borough Y2K Task Force is hereby established, consisting of nine members, supported by the mayor and his designated staff, and shall include representatives from various industries, agencies, and local government as follows:
  - one assembly member recommended by the assembly president;
  - one member recommended by the school district administration;
  - two business executives/owners recommended by the chambers of commerce;
  - one utility manager or board member;
  - one transportation manager or board member;
  - one health service manager or board member; and
  - one member from a city council.
  - one member of the borough administration
- **SECTION 2.** Pursuant to AS 29.20.320, the members of the Y2K Task Force shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the assembly.
- **SECTION 3.** The charge of the Y2K Task Force is as follows:
  - a. Hold public hearings and meetings to explain the "Y2K" Problem and determine which local and non-local systems are key to the local economy, major public services and public safety. Such systems include utilities, key public safety and health systems, transportation systems, communications systems, banking systems, etc.
  - b. Contact operators and owners of key systems to request a status report on their Y2K activities and to gain their future cooperation.
  - c. Develop a monthly community status report on Y2K testing, compliance and readiness of key public and private services.
  - d Research information and assistance resources, and share information.
  - e. Identify which key systems may be subject to failure and how the community would deal with such system failures as part of the community disaster emergency response plan.
- **SECTION 4.** This resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

## ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1998.

Ronald Wm. Drathman, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk