

Introduced by: Merkes
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Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 99-044**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT OF A
HEAD START PROGRAM IN THE STERLING AREA**

WHEREAS, the federal Head Start program was created in 1965 to provide a greater degree of social competence in preschool children from low-income families in an effort to increase their chance of academic success when they reach school age; and

WHEREAS, this program is funded under a federal grant program to local grantee agencies including Community Action Agencies, nonprofit agencies, local governments and school districts; and

WHEREAS, this program was amended in 1994 to include a new initiative within Head Start to expand and focus on services to low-income pregnant women and families with infants and toddlers; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no Head Start program within the community of Sterling; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a community action agency or like nonprofit group in Sterling would provide the vehicle necessary for the community to receive federal funding for a local Head Start program; and

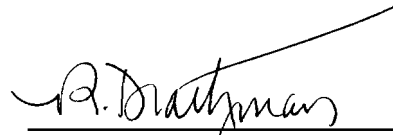
WHEREAS, the creation of a Sterling Community Group Head Start Program is in the public interest;

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

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough supports the concept of a Sterling Community Group to serve as the grantee agency to receive federal funding for a local Head Start Program.

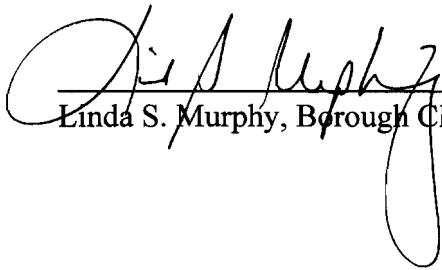
SECTION 2. That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its enactment.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 18TH DAY OF MAY 1999.



Ronald Wm. Drathman, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

