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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 99-081**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN  
OPERATING PLAN FOR CLOSING THE NIKISKI STATION AND CONTINUING TO  
PROVIDE ADEQUATE SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS FORMERLY SERVED BY  
THE NIKISKI STATION**

- WHEREAS,** the Department of Transportation/Public Facilities has decided to close its Nikiski station allegedly due to budgetary cutbacks; and
- WHEREAS,** many borough residents reside in the area formerly served by the Nikiski station and have expressed serious concern regarding the level of service they can expect to receive this winter from the Department of Transportation; and
- WHEREAS,** the borough through the road service area provides road maintenance for borough certified roads but does not provide maintenance on state certified roads; and
- WHEREAS,** winter driving conditions can be extremely hazardous without adequate road maintenance; and
- WHEREAS,** ten school buses run four routes each day carrying school children in the affected area and two fire stations have over 360 emergency runs to the hospital from Nikiski each year; and
- WHEREAS,** Nikiski is a heavily industrialized area with hundreds of employees traveling on the state roads each day; and
- WHEREAS,** despite informal requests from borough residents and officials the Department has not issued any plan demonstrating how it will provide adequate service to the roads formerly served by the Nikiski station;

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


**SECTION 1.** The Kenai Peninsula Borough hereby requests that the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities provide to the Kenai Peninsula Borough a copy of a plan indicating how the State will close the Nikiski station and provide adequate service to the roads formerly served by that station.

**SECTION 2.** That the mayor is authorized to prepare and deliver documentation necessary to support this request.

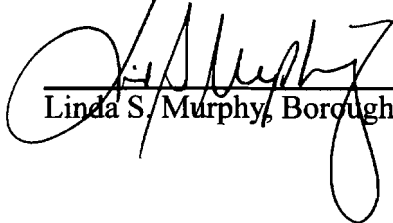
**SECTION 3.** That copies of this resolution shall be delivered to Governor Tony Knowles, Senator John Torgerson, Senator Jerry Ward, Representative Gail Phillips, Representative Hal Smalley, Representative Gary Davis and Commissioner Joseph L. Perkins/Department of Transportation/Public Facilities.

**SECTION 4.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999.**

  
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William Popp, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

