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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2001-073**

**A RESOLUTION PLACING A PROPOSITION ON THE OCTOBER 2001
BALLOT QUESTIONING WHETHER THE BOROUGH SHOULD CONTRACT
WITH THE STATE AND ONE OR MORE PRIVATE ENTITIES TO BUILD AND
OPERATE AN 800- TO 1,000-BED MEDIUM SECURITY PRISON IN THE
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH**

- WHEREAS**, in Ordinance 2000-59, the assembly authorized the borough to publicly solicit proposal for the site, design, construction, and operation of an 800- to 1,000-bed prison facility with all but the operation to be financed with municipal revenue bonds; and
- WHEREAS**, in Resolution 2001-037, the assembly approved the agreement with Cornell Companies Inc. for planning and promotion of the prison project; and
- WHEREAS**, the approved contract has been executed, and Cornell Companies Inc. successfully worked with the borough for passage of state legislation in the form of Senate Committee Substitute House Bill 149 which authorizes the Department of Corrections to contract with the Kenai Peninsula Borough for an 800- to 1,000-bed prison facility to be constructed and operated within the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and
- WHEREAS**, the design and construction phases of the prison are estimated to cost in excess of \$60 million, and the annual operating expenses are estimated to run approximately \$21 million such that the construction and operation of this facility is estimated to total approximately \$520 million over 20 years which is financially the largest project seriously contemplated by the borough; and
- WHEREAS**, members of the public have expressed concern with this project and with the potential economic, social, and other impacts it may have on the community; and
- WHEREAS**, although an election on this project is not legally required, it is important to provide the voters with an opportunity to advise the assembly as to whether the community wants this prison facility located within the Kenai Peninsula Borough with the borough's direct involvement;

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

SECTION 1. A proposition in substantially the following form shall be placed on the ballot at the October 2, 2001 regular election:

Shall the Kenai Peninsula Borough proceed with the proposed design, construction, and operation through a private contractor, of an 800- to 1,000-bed medium security prison to be located within the Kenai Peninsula Borough and funded with payments from the State? **THIS IS AN ADVISORY VOTE ONLY.**

Yes _____ No _____

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS * DAY OF *, 2001.

Timothy Navarre, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk