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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2001-116**

**A RESOLUTION ASKING THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION (AK DOT) TO COOPERATE WITH THE CITY OF SOLDOTNA  
TO RESOLVE RIGHT-OF-WAY ISSUES ALONG THE STERLING HIGHWAY**

**WHEREAS,** in 1998, a ballot initiative banning billboards from roadsides was passed by the voters of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS,** as work started on the Soldotna Urban Project, AK DOT began to cancel leases for signs within the right-of-way along the Sterling Highway within the City of Soldotna ; and

**WHEREAS,** right-of-way widths are inconsistent along the Sterling Highway; and

**WHEREAS,** business owners are unsure of what AK DOT policy is regarding what is permitted within the right-of-way; and

**WHEREAS,** business owners may face financial hardship due to AK DOT policy regarding revocation of permits, particularly in regard to signage within the right-of-way; and

**WHEREAS,** safety concerns regarding signage are difficult to determine when the right-of-way boundaries vary so widely; and

**WHEREAS,** business owners may be hesitant to begin urban beautification projects because they are unsure how AK DOT policies will be applied; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Soldotna has requested that AK DOT cooperate and meet with the City and property owners in order to resolve the right-of-way issues; and

**WHEREAS,** other areas of the borough may face similar situations in the future as state roads are improved;

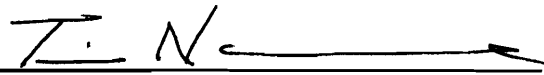
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports the efforts of the City of Soldotna to resolve these issues.

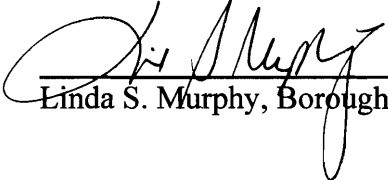
**SECTION 2.** That a copy of the resolution shall be sent to State of Alaska Department of Transportation Commissioner Joseph Perkins, Regional Director David Eberle, Soldotna Mayor David Carey, Senator John Torgerson, and Representative Ken Lancaster.

**SECTION 3.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001.**

  
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Timothy Navarre, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

