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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2001-112**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALASKA SEALIFE CENTER'S STATE OF
ALASKA MINI-GRANT APPLICATION**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Seward is a community with quality educational resources and facilities that provides academic and personal growth opportunities for citizens of all ages, with a vision that includes integrating the public schools, University of Alaska, Institute of Marine Science, Alaska Vocational Technical Center, Alaska SeaLife Center, and other such facilities, to maximize resources; and
- WHEREAS,** the Seward Education Initiative is a community-based group working to improve the education opportunities for Seward-area residents, with a goal of creating a community that values life-long learning; and
- WHEREAS,** the need for the Seward Education Initiative grew from a community concern that the children of Seward had decreasing access to a variety of educational and experimental opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Seward Education Initiative wished to achieve improved educational opportunities for the people of Seward by increasing the number of advanced placement and elective courses, apprenticeships for high school students at natural resource agencies, increased number of extracurricular activities (e.g. a marine science and other specialty clubs), and exchange or travel programs with other facilities and communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the objectives identified in the Seward Education Initiative have been recognized in both the City of Seward's 1999 Strategic Plan and in the Kenai Peninsula Borough Economic Development District's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy as critical to economic development in the region; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development has a grant program offering up to \$30,000 for projects that support community economic and development strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, through the Seward Elementary School, will provide an in-kind match of classroom and conference space and access to its T-1 line valued at \$7,500; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska SeaLife Center is submitting a grant application to the Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development to further the goals of the Seward Education Initiative;


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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports the Alaska SeaLife Center's application for an Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development Mini-Grant and applauds the Alaska SeaLife Center's efforts to assist the Seward Education Initiative in achieving its goals.

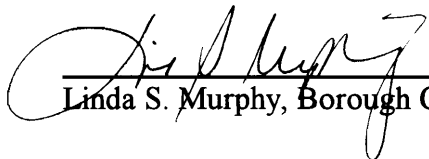
SECTION 2. That a copy of the resolution shall be forwarded to the Alaska SeaLife Center.

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

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2001.


Timothy Navarre, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

