

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 01/08/02
Action: Adopted
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2002-006**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE LEGISLATION ALLOWING A TAX
EXEMPTION OF ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT LANDS FOR FUEL
REDUCTION AND TIMBER SALVAGE OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, much of the Kenai Peninsula Borough has been infested by the Spruce Bark Beetle, which has killed trees and created a serious risk of fire to both the land with infested timber resources and adjoining land; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Spruce Bark Beetle program is actively encouraging private landowners to remove dead trees from their property to reduce the fire hazard; and

WHEREAS, the fuel reduction and timber salvage activities of the native associations have created a taxable event; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act ("ANCSA") provides for taxation of otherwise exempt native lands during the year timber harvest operations occur; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska does not currently allow an exemption of ANCSA land from taxation for fuel reduction and timber salvage due to spruce bark beetle infestation; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough would be supportive of enacting a local exemption if the state allowed such an exemption;

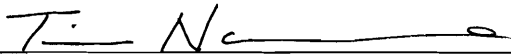
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly requests the Alaska State Legislature to enact legislation that will allow boroughs to exempt from taxation land subject to timber salvage operations due to spruce bark beetle infestation.

SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Knowles, President of the Senate Rick Halford, Speaker of the House Brian Porter, and all Kenai Peninsula Legislators.

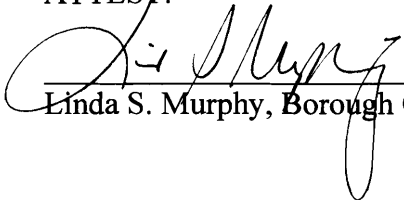
SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 8TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2002.



Timothy Navarre, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

