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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2002-141**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF ALASKA TO REOPEN THE NINILCHIK  
STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE STATION**

- WHEREAS,** due to operations budget cuts, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT/PF) recently closed several road maintenance facilities in the state, including the Ninilchik station; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ninilchik maintenance station maintained a large portion of the Sterling Highway between Soldotna and Homer; and
- WHEREAS,** seventy miles of state highway provide the only road connecting Homer and Soldotna for approximately 13,562 residents living on the road system south of Soldotna; and
- WHEREAS,** without the Ninilchik station, maintenance crews must travel from either Soldotna or Homer to maintain that portion of the highway and other state roads formerly maintained by the crew stationed at Ninilchik; and
- WHEREAS,** increased overtime costs associated with requiring crews to travel this extra distance will offset at least some of the cost savings realized by closing the Ninilchik station;
- WHEREAS,** delays in clearing the highway and other state roads caused by this closure could endanger motorists on the highway, including school children riding school buses; and
- WHEREAS,** reduced road maintenance in this area will probably delay emergency response vehicles during times of bad weather, when emergencies are most likely to occur; and
- WHEREAS,** the recent floods causing closures of the state highway just south of Ninilchik highlighted the importance of this road to borough commerce and residents; and
- WHEREAS,** the floods also demonstrated the importance of the Ninilchik station for safety purposes as, had the station been open, the bridge over Deep Creek would probably have been closed sooner, preventing the accidents that occurred because the road remained open while being undercut by the flood;


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

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges DOT/PF to reopen the Ninilchik road maintenance station.

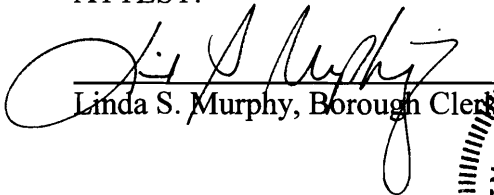
**SECTION 2.** That copies of this resolution be distributed to Governor Tony Knowles, Commissioner Joseph L. Perkins, Senator Jerry Ward, Senator John Torgerson, Senator Georgianna Lincoln, Representative Carl Morgan, Representative Mike Chenault, Representative Drew Scalzi, Governor-elect Frank Murkowski, Senator-elect Alan Austerman, Senator-elect Tom Wagoner, Representative-elect Paul Seaton, and Representative-elect Kelly Wolf.

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

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2002.**

  
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Pete Sprague, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

