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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 2005-028

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB 195 "AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO REIMBURSE MUNICIPALITIES FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE LOST DUE TO THE MANDATORY SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED VETERANS EXEMPTIONS"

- WHEREAS, the senior citizen/disabled veteran property tax exemption must be funded by the state according to AS 29.45.030 (g) which states "The state shall reimburse a city or borough for real property tax revenue lost; and
- WHEREAS, the state has not provided reimbursement for these losses since FY 1997, and only partial reimbursement was provided from FY 1986-1997; and
- WHEREAS, the continued burden of this mandate should be addressed this session; and
- WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) has incurred other significant and total losses of Municipal Assistance and Revenue Sharing; and
- WHEREAS, the KPB will continue to incur increases in local share for education funding due to formula increases and rising assessed valuations in property; and
- WHEREAS, the PERS/TRS crisis further aggravated the KPB budget shortfall prediction of \$6-7 million; and
- WHEREAS, the KPB Assembly is preparing to address its budget through various solutions; and
- **WHEREAS**, State funding of the mandated Senior/Disabled exemption program would significantly and appropriately mitigate a portion of KPB budget shortfalls;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports the funding levels of 75% for the Senior/Disabled Veteran property tax exemption for FY 06 & 07 as provided in HB 195.

SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be provided to Governor Frank Murkowski and all state legislators.

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

PEN/AGENINIAN BOROLLING

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 19TH DAY

OF APRIL, 2005.

Sary Superman, Assembly Presiden

ATTEST:

Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clark