Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 04/18/00
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 2000-031

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSERVATION AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 1999 (H.R. 701 AND S. 2123)

- WHEREAS, 317 members of the U.S. House of Representatives are sponsoring H.R. 701, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999; and
- WHEREAS, H.R. 701 would direct up to \$160 million annually in new federal dollars to local, state and federal agencies in Alaska for coastal impact assistance, outdoor recreation, and wildlife conservation programs; and
- WHEREAS, 10 members of the U.S. Senate have sponsored similar legislation in the Senate, also called the Conservation and Reinvestment Act or S. 2123; and
- WHEREAS, these bills would provide major social, economic and environmental benefits to the people of Alaska; and
- WHEREAS, public need for a wide range of government services is dramatically increasing, while funding levels are decreasing; and
- WHEREAS, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act would help fill this critical funding gap; and
- WHEREAS, communities in Alaska would be eligible for up to \$65 million a year in coastal impact assistance funding; and
- WHEREAS, communities would also be eligible for funds to construct outdoor recreation facilities, such a ball fields, trails, and picnic areas; and
- WHEREAS, these facilities enhance the quality of life and are part of a healthy lifestyle for Alaskans; and

- WHEREAS, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act would also provide funding for wildlife conservation programs, ensuring that Alaska's wildlife remains abundant for generations to come; and
- **WHEREAS,** healthy wildlife populations are important to sustaining Alaska's growing tourism industry, which provides jobs for many residents;

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

- **SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough endorses H.R. 701 and S. 2123 and urges Congress to pass this landmark legislation.
- **SECTION 2.** That copies of this resolution be sent to Senator Ted Stevens, Senator Frank Murkowski, Congressman Don Young, and Commissioner Frank Rue, Alaska Department of Fish and Game.
- **SECTION 3.** This resolution becomes effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL 2000.

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William Popp, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Linda S. Murphy, Borough Cler