

Introduced by: Mayor, Popp, Brown  
Date: 08/15/00  
Action: Adopted as Amended  
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2000-075**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONCEPT OF ESTABLISHING A  
PRIVATE PRISON WITHIN THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH**

**WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska recognizes the need to bring home inmates housed in prisons located in Arizona due to overcrowding, and the pressing need to reduce overcrowding within the Alaska prison system and is proposing that privately owned and operated prisons be constructed as a solution to these needs; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed State of Alaska/Fort Greeley private prison project may be delayed or canceled, and this could adversely affect on the State's plans to return prisoners housed in Arizona by 2003; and

**WHEREAS,** even if the currently planned State of Alaska/Fort Greeley private prison project is successfully completed on time, Department of Corrections Commissioner Pugh has stated in a letter to Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor Dale Bagley that the State anticipates a need for additional prison space and will review all proposals to meet this need; and

**WHEREAS,** the Kenai Native Association, Inc. (KNA) is developing a plan to construct and operate a privately owned medium security prison capable of housing up to one thousand prisoners on KNA property located adjacent to the existing medium security Wildwood Correctional Center; and

**WHEREAS,** the KNA proposal may designate the Kenai Peninsula Borough as a pass-through agency for the receipt of state funds; and

**WHEREAS,** AS 29.35.010(15) authorizes the Borough to enter into agreements for the confinement and care of prisoners, subject to other provisions of law; and

**WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough economy will substantially benefit from the proposed \$60,000,000 construction project and the resulting construction related jobs that will be created, and

**WHEREAS,** the operation of a privately owned prison could create up to 300 new long term stable jobs which would strengthen and diversify the economy of the Kenai Peninsula Borough for years to come, and

**WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly recognizes that projects such as this must be carefully developed in a manner that recognizes the need for public participation, and

**WHEREAS,** the Kenai Native Association, Inc. has created a Prison Project Committee which will examine and provide recommendations to KNA on all aspects of its plans to develop a privately operated prison on KNA land located within the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and

**WHEREAS,** at the request of KNA, Assembly President Popp has appointed two Assembly Members to serve on the KNA Prison Project Committee to provide and maintain clear lines of communication between KNA and the Borough as project develops;

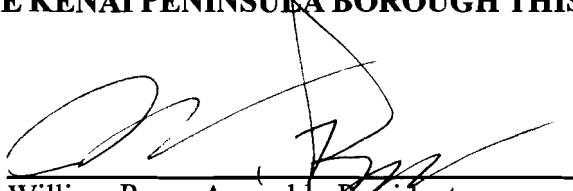
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports the Kenai Natives Association's general concept to construct and operate a privately owned prison adjacent to Wildwood Correctional Center.

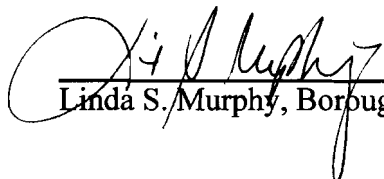
**SECTION 2.** Prior to assembly approval of any contractual relationship between the Kenai Peninsula Borough and any other entity concerning the establishment or operation of the proposed prison facility, one or more advertised public hearings shall be held by the Prison Project Committee, or another appropriate entity, to solicit public testimony on the proposal.

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

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 15TH DAY OF AUGUST 2000.**

  
William Popp, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

