

Kenai Peninsula Borough Alaska

Proclamation

WHEREAS, deaths due to cancer are on the rise in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, today, deaths from cancer can largely be prevented through healthy habits and early detection; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 2010 new cancer diagnosis will be made in Alaska this year; and

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children; and

WHEREAS, in 1930, only 20% of those who developed cancer survived...today, nearly 65% are cured; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is committed to reduce cancer deaths by 50%, reducing cancer incidents by 25% by the year 2015 and has funded 38 Nobel Prize winning researchers who have helped save countless lives from cancer; and


WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is holding its annual team relay event, *Relay for Life*, on June 2nd and 3rd, 2006, to have fun while raising money to fight cancer and provide services to cancer patients and their families.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John J. Williams, Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, do hereby proclaim June 2nd and 3rd, 2006 as:

RELAY FOR LIFE

days on the Kenai Peninsula and encourage its citizens and surrounding communities to organize teams and participate in the American Cancer Society's *Relay for Life*.




John J. Williams
Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor