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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 91-129

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAKE CLARK NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE HEADQUARTERS VISITORS' CENTER IN KENAI, ALASKA

- WHEREAS, the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve encompasses magnificent scenery and outstanding natural and cultural resources of national significance; and
- WHEREAS, spectacular views of both the Alaskan and Aleutian Mountain ranges within Lake Clark National Park and Preserve are visible from the Kenai area, including internationally known volcanoes Mt. Iliamna and Mt. Redoubt; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Kenai contains the infrastructure necessary to accommodate a wide variety of visitor needs and services including a first-rate municipal airport; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Kenai is currently constructing a \$1.3 million Bicentennial Visitors and Cultural Center explicitly for the promotion and enhancement of tourism and the visitor industry in the Kenai area; and
- WHEREAS, the establishment of an administrative headquarters/visitor center for Lake Clark National Park and Preserve in Kenai will create a long-term base operation that will attract and expand tourism opportunities on the Kenai Peninsula; and
- WHEREAS, the establishment of Kenai as a "Gateway" community to Lake Clark National Park and Preserve will enhance both the local and state economies by increased visitation to experience and access this attraction thereby stimulating local economic development in such areas as air taxi services, food and lodging, the Kenai Municipal Airport and other related support services in the area.

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

Section 1: That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports the National Park Service development of a visitor center within the City of Kenai, featuring the natural and cultural resources of the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve; and

Section 2: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr., Secretary of the Interior, and to members of the Alaska delegation in Congress, U.S. Senators Ted Stevens and Frank Murkowski, and U.S. Representative Don Young.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 29th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1991.

James W. Skogstad, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Gave J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk