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Vote: Unanimous

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 92-60**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING RECONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED
CLOSURE OF THE WILDWOOD CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN KENAI**

- WHEREAS,** the Alaska Department of Corrections proposes the closure of the Wildwood Correctional Facility; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed closure may result in the loss of over sixty jobs on the Kenai Peninsula; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough reported 20% unemployment during the first quarter of 1992 and continues to have an unemployment rate of approximately 15%; and
- WHEREAS,** several oil platforms in Cook Inlet have shut down in the last twelve months; and
- WHEREAS,** projections for commercial fishing for the next several years are not encouraging; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed closure would profoundly impact the health of the local economy and welfare of the borough residents; and
- WHEREAS,** the Wildwood Correctional Facility is one of the most cost effective correctional institutions in Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** this closure would affect employees not only at Wildwood, but also in Seward at Spring Creek and facilities throughout the state; and
- WHEREAS,** the social impact on prisoners being separated from families and social support networks will harm their rehabilitation; and
- WHEREAS,** the inmates and employees at Wildwood Correctional Facility have been good neighbors and helped to construct the wildlife viewing station on the Kenai River and have annually donated hand made wooden toys to the needy at Christmas time; and

WHEREAS, Wildwood Correctional Facility won the 1991 Citizenship award from the Kenai Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, a more thorough analysis of the Department of Corrections administrative procedures and the short and long term financial and social implications of this proposed closure should be completed;

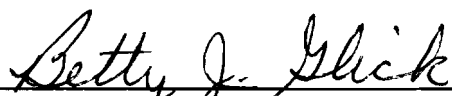
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges the Alaska Department of Corrections to reconsider its proposal to implement closure of the Wildwood Correctional Facility.


Section 2. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges the Alaska Department of Corrections to maintain the present prison system as a deterrent to criminal activities and to not commute sentences prematurely.

Section 3. That copies of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Walter J. Hickel, Commissioner Lloyd F. Hames, Department of Corrections; Senators Paul Fischer, Jalmar Kerttula, Curt Menard, Lyman Hoffman; Representatives Mike Navarre, Gail Phillips, Gene Kubina, Jim Zawacki, and Georgianna Lincoln.

ADOPTED BY THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY THIS 5th DAY OF MAY, 1992.


Betty J. Glick, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk