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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 93-30**

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

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Correctional Center has been operating in the area for the past 9 years, and is one of the most cost efficient in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Correctional Center has rehabilitation programs within the facility to assist inmates to prepare for the outside world; and

WHEREAS, the Wildwood Correctional Center has been awarded the Outstanding Community Service Award by the Kenai Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the closure of this facility would result in the loss of at least 65 jobs and a four million dollar economic loss to the community; and

WHEREAS, it is bad public policy to spend 3.4 million dollars outside the State of Alaska for the care and custody of prisoners; and

WHEREAS, the State has just spent 10 million dollars to purchase the Wildwood complex; and

WHEREAS, the State has 4.7 million dollars available for renovations and modifications of the Wildwood complex;

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

Section 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly requests reconsideration and support of the continued upsizing and operation of the Wildwood Correctional Facility.

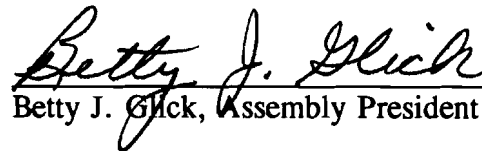
Section 2. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges the Alaska Department of Corrections to maintain the present prison system as a deterrent to criminal activities.

Section 3. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly requests a more thorough analysis of the Department of Corrections administrative procedures and a short and long term financial and social implications of this proposed closure if it should be

completed.

Section 4. That copies of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Walter J. Hickel, Commissioner Lloyd G. Rupp, Department of Corrections; Senators Fred Zharoff, Suzanne Little, Judith E. Salo, Georgianna Lincoln; Representatives Mike Navarre, Gail Phillips, Cliff Davidson, Gary Davis, and Irene Kay Nicholia.

ADOPTED BY THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY THIS 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 1993.


Betty J. Glick, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk