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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2011-006**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING COMPREHENSIVE
CLEAN ENERGY LEGISLATION IN THE YEAR 2011**

WHEREAS, concerned about our future, our economy, and our community we are compelled to act on comprehensive clean energy; and

WHEREAS, currently the United States spends over \$1 billion per day to import oil, draining our economy and enriching countries that are fighting against us; and

WHEREAS, according to a study conducted in 2007 by the Center for Naval Analysis, generals concluded that climate change was a “threat multiplier” requiring the full attention of the Department of Defense and action by the United States government before it was too late; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense identified global climate change as a national security threat that brings additional risks and stressors to United States service members stationed overseas, including soldiers deployed from Fort Richardson and Elmendorf and other bases located here in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, efforts to reduce pollution and to promote cleaner energy sources will increase demand for natural gas and help create favorable conditions for bringing Alaska’s natural gas to market; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula is uniquely positioned to offer much to the nation’s efforts to develop clean energy because of its proximity to renewable energy resources including wind power, geothermal power, hydroelectric power, tidal power and biomass power as well as developing fields of natural gas, and

WHEREAS, statewide efforts to reduce carbon pollution, to increase energy efficiency, and to produce renewable energy provide numerous local benefits by creating new jobs that cannot be exported, developing reliable local power, cutting energy bills and saving taxpayers money;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough respectfully requests our Federal Delegation to prioritize Comprehensive Energy Legislation and to thoughtfully consider and work together with Congress to pass Comprehensive Energy Legislation in the

year 2011 that creates new incentives for the production of natural gas, development of renewable energy technologies and adoption of energy efficient practices with the goal of reducing our country's dependence on foreign oil and increasing our national security.

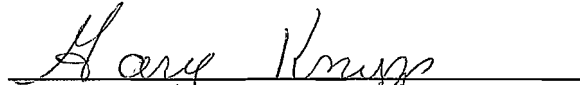
SECTION 2. That this resolution be provided to Senators Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich and Congressman Don Young.

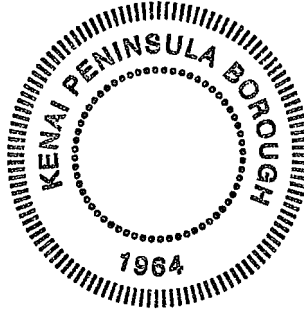
SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011.

ATTEST:


Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk


Gary Knopp, Assembly President



Yes: Haggerty, Johnson, McClure, Murphy, Pierce, Smalley, Smith, Tauriainen, Knopp
No: None
Absent: None