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**DAVID R. CAREY
BOROUGH MAYOR**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary Knopp, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: David R. Carey, Mayor *DR Carey*

DATE: February 3, 2011

SUBJECT: Resolution 2011-009, supporting Kenaitze Indian Tribe's joint venture with Indian Health Service for the construction and operation of Dena'ina Health and Wellness Clinic

The Dena'ina Health Clinic was established in 1972 as a primary care clinic for Alaska Natives and American Indian people. The current clinic is in a commercial strip mall and the facility space is 65 percent below the level recommended by the Indian Health Service (IHS) for Kenaitze Indian Tribe's (KIT) user population. KIT and IHS are planning a joint venture project to build and operate a healthcare facility within the city of Kenai. The Dena'ina Health and Wellness Clinic is one of only three projects nationwide selected by IHS for the Joint Venture Construction Project. The new Dena'ina Health and Wellness Clinic will provide an integrated health care facility providing primary care, family dentistry, behavioral health and chemical dependency programs. KIT has already contributed land and committed funding for the project and will raise funds from grants and contributions as well. The assembly's support of this project is appreciated.