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**DAVID R. CAREY  
BOROUGH MAYOR**

### **MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** David R. Carey, Borough Mayor *DK Carey*

**DATE:** August 4, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Resolution 2011-089, acknowledging the need to develop a plan to provide for sheltering pets in compliance with the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act, and authorizing the mayor to form a work group to develop the plan

In 2006 Congress amended the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act by enacting the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2006 ("PETS Act"). The stated intention of the PETS Act is to ensure that state and local emergency preparedness plans address the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals. This act was passed in the wake of the Katrina Hurricane, which spotlighted issues concerning pets and service animals. Local plans did not include effective means of addressing the needs of people with pets and service animals which complicated evacuation and rescue efforts. Further, many victims were permanently separated from their household pets and service animals due in part to the lack of available facilities and planning.

This resolution is intended to ensure that the administration proceed promptly with ensuring a plan is developed in the near future. As the LEPC is charged with reviewing other emergency response plans and the Office of Emergency Management oversees the development of all emergency plans for the borough, this resolution authorizes the mayor to use the appropriate resources as are deemed best to develop this plan for the borough. It does not commit the borough to expend additional funds.

Your favorable consideration would be appreciated.