

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 08/16/11
Action: Adopted
Vote: 7 Yes, 2 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2011-089**

**A RESOLUTION 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**

WHEREAS, events following Hurricane Katrina significantly raised awareness of the problems associated with the needs of people with pets and service animals during and following a disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2006 (PETS Act) was subsequently enacted to ensure that State and local emergency preparedness operational plans address the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals following a major disaster or emergency; and

WHEREAS, the PETS Act requires local and state emergency preparedness authorities to include plans for pets and service animals in disaster plans to qualify for grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"), gives FEMA the authority to assist states and local communities to develop disaster plans to accommodate people with pets and service animals, authorizes federal funds to help create "pet friendly" emergency shelter facilities, and allows FEMA to provide assistance for individuals with pets and service animals, and also for the animals, following a major disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Local Emergency Planning Committee ("LEPC") is established by the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission to prepare and/or review certain emergency plans as provided in AS 26.23.073(g), and the borough Office of Emergency Management ("OEM") provides support for the LEPC;

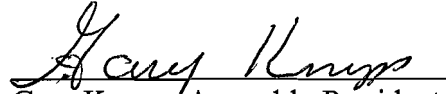
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the assembly acknowledges the need to develop a plan in accordance with the provisions of the PETS Act which addresses the sheltering of pets and the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals following a major disaster or emergency.

SECTION 2. That the mayor is authorized to form a work group, or take such other steps as the mayor considers effective and appropriate in coordination with the OEM and the LEPC, to promptly develop a plan for the borough in accordance with the PETS Act.

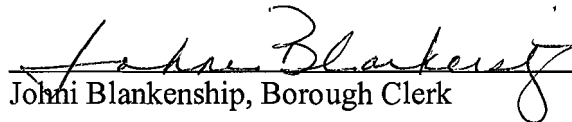
SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 16TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2011.

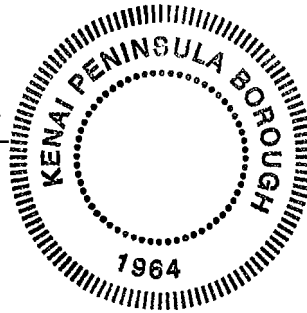


Gary Knopp, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk



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