

Introduced by:	Johnson
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Vote:	8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2012-008**

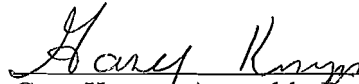
**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REINSTATEMENT OF A PARK RANGER POSITION
FOR THE KENAI RIVER**

- WHEREAS,** the Kenai River is financially important to the Kenai Peninsula Borough, providing jobs in sport and commercial fisheries as well as stimulating property assessments; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai River provides salmon that are an important food source for Kenai Peninsula Borough residents; and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai River's ability to sustain fish stocks is dependent on management of human practices; and
- WHEREAS,** Alaska State Park Rangers enforce boating and fishing laws on the Kenai River; and Whereas, in 2011 a Park Ranger who worked the Kenai River had transferred and that position was in the process of being filled; and
- WHEREAS,** Governor Parnell's FY2013 budget documented 289 vacant positions in state government and ear-marked those positions for elimination in connection with staffing Goose Creek Correction Center; and Whereas, the vacant Kenai River Park Ranger position was one of the 289 positions eliminated; and Whereas, the loss of that one Park Ranger was keenly felt in the State Park's ability to manage the Kenai River, reflected in the issuance of fewer citations even though river use was extremely heavy in 2011;

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

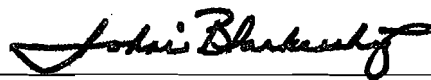
- SECTION 1.** That the KPB Assembly respectfully requests Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Sullivan to reinstatement the vacant Alaska State Parks Ranger position.
- SECTION 2.** That this resolution shall be sent to Governor Parnell, DNR Commissioner Sullivan, and South-central lawmakers.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS
14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012.

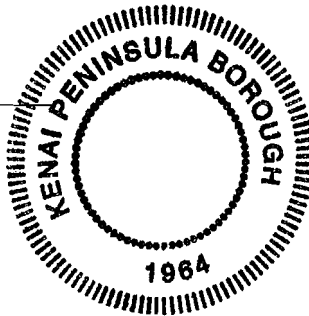


Gary Knopp, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk



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