

Introduced by: Johnson
Date: 10/23/12
Action: Withdrawn by the Sponsor
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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2012-082**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING KASILOF RADIO STATION KWJG AND HOMER
RADIO STATION KMJG**

- WHEREAS,** radio station KWJG began broadcasting in September, 1998; and
- WHEREAS,** radio station KWJG is a noncommercial broadcast station that survives on private donations and has not ever received public money of any kind and therefore does not compete with public stations for public money; and
- WHEREAS,** radio station KWJG carries many local programs popular with Kenai Peninsula Borough residents, such as *Just Dogs* hosted by Faith Hays, *Parade of Old time Bands* hosted by Doug Johnson, *Local Expressions* hosted by Holley Wiley, *The Galley Wench's Cooking Show*, and a broad selection of music; and
- WHEREAS,** the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has found alleged infractions of a very minor nature at station KWJG; and
- WHEREAS,** the FCC filed paperwork on July 26, 2012, notifying station KWJG of the violations; and
- WHEREAS,** radio station KWJG and sister station KMJG in Homer went off the air on August 12, 2012, pending determination of the fines by the FCC in Washington, D.C.; and
- WHEREAS,** the FCC has not yet levied any fine nor indicated when it would do so; and
- WHEREAS,** while the assembly recognizes that reasonable regulations governing the operation of radio stations are appropriate, any fines levied in this case should be minor consistent with the minor level of the alleged infractions; and
- WHEREAS,** freedom of speech is one of the basic, inalienable rights held in common by all citizens of the United States and effectively closing small radio stations by imposing sizeable fines for the alleged minor infractions here would stifle the exercise of this right by the public;

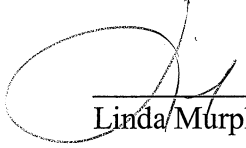
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI
PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

SECTION 1. That the KPB Assembly respectfully requests the Federal Communications Commission to act speedily and with great leniency toward radio stations KWJG and KMJG.

SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the appropriate offices of the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. and Alaska.

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

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS *
DAY OF * 2012.**



Linda Murphy, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: