

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 10/10/00
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
COMMENDING RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING KENAI PENINSULA FIREFIGHTERS FOR
EXCELLENCE IN THE FACE OF A HIGHLY VOLATILE WILDFIRE HAZARD IN
SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA DUE TO THE SPRUCE BARK BEETLE TIMBER
INFESTATION**

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough forests are plagued by an infestation of the Spruce Bark Beetle that has killed or damaged high volumes of trees in the rural, urban, and urban interface areas where human habitat and wild land merge; and

WHEREAS, the heightened potential for ignition of forest fuels puts the danger of wildfire spread to the urban interface at higher risk; and

WHEREAS, volunteers and paid firefighters armed with the Fire Wise Community Action Program and a commitment to vigilance over extreme wildfire hazard conditions have succeeded in keeping the potential hazard at bay during recent extended fire seasons due to dry weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, October is National Fire Prevention Month and the elected officials and the citizens of the Kenai Peninsula Borough wish to show their appreciation and commend the excellence of the firefighters of the Kenai Peninsula for a job well done;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough expresses its sincere appreciation to the firefighters of our region:

Alaska Division of Forestry	Kenai National Wildlife Refuge
Anchor Point Fire Department	Moose Pass Fire Department
Bear Creek Fire Department	Nikiski Fire Department
Central Emergency Services	Ninilchik Fire Department
Cooper Landing Fire Department	Port Graham Fire Department
Funny River Emergency Services	Seldovia Fire Department
Homer Fire Department	Seward Fire Department

Kenai Fire Department

Tyonek Fire Department

SECTION 2. That a formal copy of this commendation shall be sent to each of the firefighting organizations listed herein.

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

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 10TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2000.

William Popp, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk