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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
COMMENDING RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DEAN OSMAR FOR RECEIVING THE  
GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CITIZEN AWARD**

**WHEREAS,** on July 11, 2002, Central Emergency Services (CES) was dispatched to a capsized skiff in Cook Inlet with four individuals thrown overboard in the rough waters of a summer storm; and

**WHEREAS,** while the ensuing rescue involved many agencies, the selfless effort of two civilian boat crews from Kasilof added to the successful outcome of the operation; and

**WHEREAS,** Boat Captain Dean Osmar and crew members Bart Klonizos and Ryan Roemisch assisted the CES dive team in transporting one of the rescued victims while performing CPR in less than ideal conditions; and

**WHEREAS,** David Blanchard, along with his wife, Amalia; son, David; and crew member Chris Hermez, all from Louisiana, launched their private skiff after Ronald Eugene Halsey amazingly swam to shore in 40 knot winds to seek help; and

**WHEREAS,** the Blanchards rescued Debbie Halsey who had tied herself to a buoy in the Inlet; and

**WHEREAS,** these fishermen, without concern for themselves, risked their lives in saving others;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly commends Dean Osmar for receiving the Governor's Emergency Medical Services Citizen Award.

**SECTION 2.** That a copy of this resolution shall be provided to Dean Osmar.

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

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 7TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2003.**

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Pete Sprague, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk