

# Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Department

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Brent Johnson, Assembly President  
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

**THRU:** Peter A. Micciche, Mayor *PM*

**FROM:** Robert Ruffner, Planning Director *RR*  
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**COPY:** Scott Waterman, Chair, Resilience & Security Advisory Commission

**DATE:** June 28, 2023

**RE:** Resolution 2023-050, Supporting a Collaborative Research Initiative Focused on Hazard Assessment, Networking, and Hazard Preparedness from Landslide Generated Tsunamis (Mayor, Ecklund)

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The Kenai Peninsula Borough's (Borough) Resilience and Security Advisory Commission, the Office of Emergency Management, and the All-Hazards Incident Management Team have roles in identifying hazards and generating awareness and preparedness for such hazards.

A multi-agency, multi-stakeholder collaborative planning and research project is being coordinated through a number of institutions and agencies concerned with developing a better understanding of landslide generated tsunami hazards in glacial and permafrost regions including the Borough, as well as creating networks and methods to address risks which could assist the Borough. The Borough has the potential to participate and benefit from the line of study, networking, and preparedness development. The project leads are seeking funding through the National Science Foundation (the "NSF"). A more detailed project description is enclosed.

The Resolution would encourage NSF funding and indicate the Borough's stakeholder interest in being a collaborative participant.

Your consideration is appreciated.