

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	05/02/23
Action:	Adopted
Vote:	8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
COMMENDING RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ATHLETES
OF THE 2023 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES**

WHEREAS, the Arctic Winter Games is a high-profile circumpolar sport competition for northern and arctic athletes ages 11 to 18, founded in 1969 by Governor Walter J. Hickel of Alaska, Northwest Territories Commissioner Stuart M. Hodgson, and Yukon Commissioner James Smith; and

WHEREAS, per the Arctic Winter Games mission statement, the Arctic Winter Games provide an opportunity to strengthen sport development in the participants' jurisdictions; to promote the benefits of sport; to build partnerships; to promote culture and values; to celebrate sport, social exchange, and cultures; and to provide an opportunity for the developing athlete to compete in friendly competition while sharing cultural values from northern regions around the world; and

WHEREAS, Alaskan athletes have participated in the Arctic Winter Games at every event since its inception, with more than 200 Alaskan athletes representing 34 communities to participate in 18 different sports at this year's event; and

WHEREAS, fifteen athletes represented the Kenai Peninsula as part of Team Alaska at the 2023 Arctic Winter Games held January 29 through February 4 in Wood Buffalo, Alberta, Canada; and

WHEREAS, special recognition is due these athletes and their coach who represented their home communities with enthusiasm, hard work, talent, teamwork, commitment, collaboration, and the joy of sport; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough wishes to honor and congratulate these athletes and their coach and commend them for their personal successes and team contributions: Athletes Brock Barth, Homer; Zane Barth, Homer; Emma Beck, Kenai; Cooper Bernard, Kenai; Denali Bernard, Kenai; Ariana Cannava, Soldotna; Leah Evans, Homer; Ryan Glenzel, Kenai; Jody Goodrich, Homer; Charity Gordon, Homer; Eli Gordon, Homer; Jess LeClair, Soldotna; Kate Moseley, Homer; Matfey Reutov, Homer; and Joe Whittom, Soldotna; and Coach Candace Parker;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly commends the athletes of the 2023 Arctic Winter Games for their accomplishments.

SECTION 2. That a special Certificate of Achievement shall be presented to each member of the team and a copy of this Commending Resolution to their coach.

SECTION 3. This resolution becomes effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 2ND DAY OF MAY, 2023.



Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Michele Turner, CMC, Acting Borough Clerk



Yes: Chesley, Cox, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tupper, Johnson
No: None
Absent: Derkevorkian