

Introduced by: Borough Assembly
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Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2021-005**

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING ASSEMBLY SUPPORT OF THE KENAI PERFORMERS, INC. IN PROVIDING COMMUNITY THEATER FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS AND IN SUPPORT OF ITS LOAN WITH THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO PURCHASE A COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR ITS BLACK-BOX THEATRE

- WHEREAS,** Kenai Performers, Inc. (hereinafter “KPI”) is an Alaska non-profit corporation which has been a staple of community theatre on the central Kenai Peninsula for almost 40 years; and
- WHEREAS,** KPI’s mission is threefold: to promote, produce, and perform high-quality, live theatre for the central Kenai Peninsula; to offer education in the performing arts and in the power of live theatre to enrich the community; and, awarding scholarships for training in the field; and
- WHEREAS,** KPI produces by providing hands-on experience in backstage theatre craft and protocol and it performs by inviting community-wide participation in the live theatre experience; and
- WHEREAS,** KPI is entirely volunteer-run and has successfully produced 40 years of theatre, ranging from large scale musicals to intimate black-box dramas; and
- WHEREAS,** the next step in ensuring KPI’s mission is to purchase the commercial building located at 44045 Kalifornsky Beach Road (hereinafter “Facility”); and
- WHEREAS,** KPI has been leasing the Facility (where its black-box theater is located) since 2014; and,
- WHEREAS,** KPI is applying for a loan with United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Program to help purchase the Facility; and
- WHEREAS,** the purchase of the Facility will allow KPI to establish a permanent home for its smaller productions, rehearsals, and storage facilities and has made improvements to transform the Facility into a functioning black-box theatre which will function as a performance space, rehearsal studio, set workshop, and classroom for KPI’s annual summer drama camp; and

WHEREAS, as part of the loan application process with Rural Development, section 3811 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2009h) requires evidence of significant community support in the form of a certification of support of each project or facility from any affected local government body; and

WHEREAS, the Facility is located in the Kenai Peninsula Borough, an incorporated local government, between the city limits of Soldotna and the city limits of Kenai on Kalifornsky Beach Road; and

WHEREAS, the proposed community Facility will provide needed services to the community and will have no adverse impact on other community facilities providing similar services;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly commends Kenai Performers, Inc. for providing community theater to the Central Kenai Peninsula for 40 years.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall serve as the certification of support from the Kenai Peninsula Borough for the KPI's loan application with USDA, Rural Development.

SECTION 3. This resolution becomes effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 5TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.



Brent Hibbert, Assembly President

ATTEST:



John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes: Bjorkman, Carpenter, Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Dunne, Elam, Johnson, Hibbert
No: None
Absent: None