

**CITY OF KENAI
CITY OF SOLDOTNA
CITY OF SEWARD
CITY OF HOMER
CITY OF SELDOVIA
CITY OF KACHEMAK
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH**

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2024-XX

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCILS OF THE CITIES OF KENAI, SOLDOTNA, SEWARD, HOMER, SELDOVIA, KACHEMAK RESPECTIVELY, AND THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SUPPORTING THE CITY OF KENAI'S SMALL COMMUNITY AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT INCENTIVES AIMED AT DIRECT AIR SERVICE FROM THE KENAI MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO SEATTLE/TACOMA AND THE LOWER 48.

WHEREAS, Communities of the Kenai Peninsula are some of the most isolated in the country, separated from Anchorage Ted Stevens International Airport by distances ranging from 126.5 miles to as much as 226 miles; and,

WHEREAS, travel times range from two to as much as five hours in good weather conditions; and,

WHEREAS, the Kenai Mountains separate the population of the Peninsula from the rest of Alaska, hampering potential economic growth; and,

WHEREAS, a recent study commissioned by the Kenai Municipal Airport shows that the passenger market is large enough to support nonstop flights to Seattle/Tacoma with more than 800 passengers driving between the Kenai area and Anchorage daily for flights; and,

WHEREAS, the study indicated the average one-way fare for passengers within the Kenai catchment area is \$389, well above the national average for air travel, and is likely suppressing travel to and from the Kenai catchment area; and,

WHEREAS, the benefits from additional jet flights to Kenai are multifold including increased economic development in the Kenai Peninsula, reduced traffic and congestion along Alaska Highway 1 and Sterling Highway corridors and less dependence on Anchorage Ted Stevens International Airport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA:

Section 1. That the City of Kenai and the Cities of Soldotna, Seward, Homer, Seldovia, Kachemak, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough, respectively, support the City of Kenai and the Kenai Municipal Airport's Small Community Air Service Development Grant proposal and the respective administrations are authorized to execute letters of support or other necessary documentation in support of the City's request for federal assistance to provide schedule air service from Kenai to Seattle/Tacoma and the lower 48.

Section 2. That this Resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption by the City Councils of the City of Kenai, Soldotna, Seward, Homer, Seldovia, and Kachemak and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly.

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PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, THIS XXND DAY OF XXXX, 2024.

Brian Gabriel Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle M. Saner, MMC, City Clerk

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLDOTNA, ALASKA, THIS XXND DAY OF XXXX, 2024.

Paul J. Whitney., Mayor

ATTEST:

Johni Blankenship, City Clerk

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA, THIS XXND DAY OF XXXX, 2024.

Sue McClure., Mayor

ATTEST:

Kris Peck, City Clerk

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA, THIS XXND DAY OF XXXX, 2024.

Ken Castner., Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Jacobsen, MMC, City Clerk

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PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, THIS XXND DAY OF XXXX, 2024.

Jeremiah Campbell., Mayor

ATTEST:

Liz Diament, City Clerk

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KACHEMAK, ALASKA, THIS XXND DAY OF XXXX, 2024.

Connie Isenhour., Mayor

ATTEST:

Laurie Wallace, City Clerk

PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH, ALASKA, THIS XXND DAY OF XXXX, 2024.

Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk