

Introduced by: Ecklund
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Action: Adopted
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2023-082**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR SEWARD COMMUNITY HEALTH
CENTER BUILDING A NEW CLINIC BUILDING AT 431-501 FIRST AVENUE,
SEWARD, ALASKA**

- WHEREAS,** Seward Community Health Center, Inc. (SCHC) was established in 2010 through a grass roots effort of the City of Seward and local residents to improve the quality of primary care for the community; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Seward and SCHC were recipients of grant funding from the U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) through a Co-Applicant Agreement from 2013-2023; and
- WHEREAS,** SCHC has been operating without direct City of Seward financial support since 2021; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Seward and SCHC mutually terminated the Co-Applicant Agreement effective February 1, 2023, since which time SCHC has been operating under HRSA as a standalone entity; and
- WHEREAS,** SCHC has outgrown its existing space co-located with Providence Seward Medical Center, which is limiting SCHC's ability to provide healthcare services; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2017, SCHC purchased a one-acre property at 431-501 First Avenue, Seward, Alaska with the intent of building a new clinic; and
- WHEREAS,** SCHC has worked with NorthForm Architecture firm to produce a Program of Requirements (Needs Assessment), Conceptual Drawings, and Site Plan for a new clinic; and
- WHEREAS,** SCHC has worked with Agnew::Beck Consulting to produce a feasibility study showing a 19,437 ft² clinic could be profitable within five years; and
- WHEREAS,** SCHC has secured \$5 million in Congressionally Directed Spending toward the overall estimated project cost of \$20 million; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Seward's 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update indicates the City of Seward values effective, accessible, and affordable healthcare; and

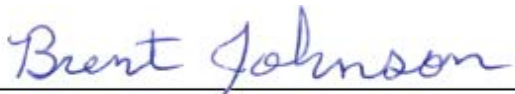
WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly acknowledges the importance of providing quality primary care for the residents and visitors of the greater Seward area;

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

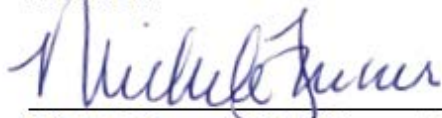
SECTION 1. That the Assembly supports Seward Community Health Center’s efforts to pursue non-borough funding for construction of a new clinic at 431-501 First Avenue in Seward, Alaska.

SECTION 2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 12TH DAY DECEMBER, 2023.



Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Cooper, Cox, Ecklund, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tunseth, Tupper, Johnson
No: None
Absent: Elam