

Introduced by: Mayor, Cooper, Dunne, Johnson  
Date: 06/03/25  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
COMMENDING RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM COMMENDING THE  
CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMMITMENTS OF ROBERTA HIGHLAND**

- WHEREAS,** Roberta Highland was a Homer resident for 40 years, leading by example and serving her community and the state of Alaska passionately and compassionately; and
- WHEREAS,** her guiding principles embraced the Four E's - Environment, Economy, Energy, and Ethics - as she strived to build relationships, elevate important conservation issues, and influence decision makers; and
- WHEREAS,** those principles propelled her work on significant issues that required statewide coordination for success, such as the creation of the Fritz Creek Anchor River Critical Habitat Area, for which she received an award from the Governor for her efforts, and the Kachemak Bay State Park buyback; and
- WHEREAS,** Roberta was civic- and conservation-minded and action-oriented, committed to a clean environment, renewable energy, responsible development, and public health; and
- WHEREAS,** she served as South Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board Vice Chair and on the SPH Planning Commission, playing a role in establishing the Homer Health Program; and
- WHEREAS,** she served as Kachemak Bay Conservation Society President, as an early board member with the Center for Alaska Coastal Studies, and as a founding member of the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust board; and
- WHEREAS,** she co-chaired Citizens for Responsible Land Use, participated in the Homer Electric Association's members forums, and helped to preserve the Diamond Creek Recreational Area lands on Baycrest Hill; and
- WHEREAS,** she was a founding member of both the Jack Gist Recreational Area and the Kachemak Bay Equestrian Association; and
- WHEREAS,** she was honored to receive the Alaska Conservation Foundation's prestigious Celia Hunter Award for Outstanding Volunteer Contributions in 2013; and

**WHEREAS,** she was honored as a quintessential Woman of Wisdom, receiving the 2020 Women of Distinction Award from South Peninsula Haven House, which acknowledged her advocacy for wilderness protection through human connection; and

**WHEREAS,** Roberta lived life on her own terms. She left us April 24, 2025, age 75, but lives forever in our hearts, and her humor and optimism will continue to shine through the legacy she leaves and inspire others to be the force for change we want to see in this world;

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

**SECTION 1.** On behalf of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, we join family and friends in mourning the loss of Roberta Highland, and extend our heartfelt condolences as we celebrate her life and legacy.

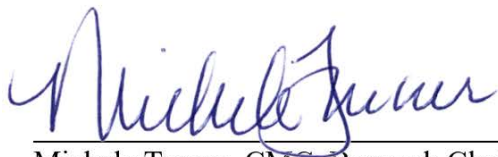
**SECTION 2.** That this resolution becomes effective immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2025.**



Peter Ribbens, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Baisden, Cooper, Ecklund, Dunne, Johnson, Morton, Tunseth, Ribbens  
No: None  
Absent: Cox