

Introduced by: Dunne
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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2021-068**

**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE SOUTHERN KENAI PENINSULA
OPIOID TASK FORCE AND ENCOURAGING KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH**

WHEREAS, September has been designated National Recovery Month in the State of Alaska and nationwide in an effort to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with a mental and/or substance use disorder to live a healthy and rewarding life, and

WHEREAS, Recovery Month celebrates the gains made by those in recovery, reinforcing the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective and people can and do recover; and

WHEREAS, every day residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough recover from substance use disorders and join the many others in our community who live in long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 National Recovery Month theme, “Recovery is for Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community,” reminds people in recovery and those who support them that no one is alone in the journey through recovery; and

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug addictions are a public health issue of concern to all Alaskans, but with proper support from family, friends, medical professional and the community at large, those affected can overcome their disease; and

WHEREAS, we must provide support and compassion for relatives and friends with substance use disorders, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, individuals in recovery can help dispel myths and stigma surrounding substance use disorders and addictions, and can serve as guides for others throughout the course of treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports local recovery coalitions and programs in an effort to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery;

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

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly invites all borough residents to learn about and participate in National Recovery Month.

SECTION 2. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly encourages all residents to express compassion for those who are struggling with substance use; to foster an open, honest, and supportive dialogue about the effects of substance use in our communities; and, to support programs that improve the circumstances for fellow Alaskans striving for recovery.


SECTION 3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

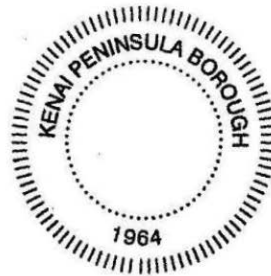
ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021.



Brent Hibbert, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Jonni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

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