

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 05/07/24
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
COMMENDING RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ATHLETES
OF THE 2024 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES**

WHEREAS, the Arctic Winter Games is a high-profile circumpolar sport competition for northern and arctic athletes ages 11 to 18, founded in 1969 by Governor Walter J. Hickel of Alaska, Northwest Territories Commissioner Stuart M. Hodgson, and Yukon Commissioner James Smith; and

WHEREAS, per the Arctic Winter Games mission statement, the Arctic Winter Games provide an opportunity to strengthen sport development in the participants' jurisdictions; to promote the benefits of sport; to build partnerships; to promote culture and values; to celebrate sport, social exchange, and cultures; and to provide an opportunity for the developing athlete to compete in friendly competition while sharing cultural values from northern regions around the world; and

WHEREAS, Alaskan athletes have participated in the Arctic Winter Games at every event since its inception; and

WHEREAS, twenty-three athletes represented the Kenai Peninsula Borough as part of Team Alaska at the 2024 Arctic Winter Games hosted by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough March 10-16, and

WHEREAS, special recognition is due these athletes and their coaches who represented their home communities with enthusiasm, hard work, talent, team spirit, commitment, collaboration, and the joy of sport; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough wishes to honor and congratulate these athletes and their coaches and commend them for their personal successes and team contributions: Athletes Regan Baker, Tristyn Bridges, Leah Evans, Jody Goodrich, Eli Gordon, Charity Gordon, Joe Gordon, Makary Reutov, and Wolf Trejo of Homer; Emma Beck, Judah Eason, Greg Fallon, Logan Mese, and Antonio Perez of Kenai; Breaker Schmit and Staxx Van Kirk of Nikiski; Kya Ahlers, Andrew Arthur, Tania Boonstra, David Michael Kamea I'O Makamae Kala-De La Cruz, and Abby Semaken of Soldotna; and Infinity-Ann Asiata-Higa and Daisy Samples of Sterling; and Dene Games Coaches Mark Gordon of Homer and Yvonne Flynn of Kenai;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly commends the athletes of the 2024 Arctic Winter Games for their accomplishments.

SECTION 2. That a special Certificate of Achievement shall be presented to each member of the team and a copy of this Commending Resolution to their coach.

SECTION 3. This resolution becomes effective immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2024.

Brent Johnson

Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



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