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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Mike Navarre, Borough Mayor *MN*

FROM: Scott Walden, Office of Emergency Management Director *SW*

DATE: June 20, 2017

SUBJECT: Resolution 2017-045 Approving an Intergovernmental Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement between the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough on behalf of itself and Central Emergency Service Area, Nikiski Fire Service Area, Bear Creek Fire Service Area, Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Service Area, and Kachemak Emergency Service Area (Mayor)

Alaska Statute 41.15.010 provides that it is the intent of AS 41.15.010-41.15.170 that the State of Alaska provides protection from wildland fire and other destructive agents, commensurate with the values at risk, on land that is owned privately, by the state, or by a municipality. It is also recognized by the Kenai Peninsula Borough ("borough") and its service areas that an obligation exists to provide protection to life and property from wildland fires within its areas of responsibility, subject to available resources, funding, and personnel. Therefore, it is to the mutual advantage of the borough, its service areas, and the state to coordinate efforts in the prevention, detection, and suppression of wildland fires. It is in the best interests of the borough, its service areas, and the state that wildland fires be suppressed quickly and efficiently to minimize the destruction of natural resources and the threat to life, property, and communities.

On May 5, 2011, the assembly adopted resolution 2011-044, approving an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between itself and on behalf of its emergency service areas and the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources. For 2017, this Agreement has been updated and revised with concurrence of borough emergency service areas and the state, and requires assembly approval.

Due to the imminent onset of the fire season after lengthy negotiations and an oversight, these cooperative agreements were signed before being submitted to the assembly for approval. Attached is the cooperative agreement and annual operation plan for Central Emergency Service Area. It contains the same terms and conditions as do all of the agreements. Assembly ratification of these signed agreements is needed to comply with state statutes. This is submitted as a laydown item as this oversight just came to our attention and the fire season is underway. Your approval is respectfully requested.