

Introduced by: Mayor  
Date: 02/23/16  
Action:  
Vote:

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2016-012**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE KENAI WATERSHED FORUM'S EFFORTS TO  
ACQUIRE GRANT FUNDING TO SUPPLEMENT THE ADOPT-A-STREAM  
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS,** the Adopt-A-Stream program is a nationally recognized program with the goal of developing stewardship and student appreciation for the Kenai Peninsula watersheds; and

**WHEREAS,** since the 2006/2007 school year the Kenai Watershed Forum (KWF) has been providing and aiding in the instruction of this highly effective program for an average of 500 students per school year throughout the Central Peninsula, providing a hands-on learning environment that emphasizes the importance of healthy watersheds as well as the ecology and special significance of rivers, lakes and streams on the Kenai Peninsula; and

**WHEREAS,** the borough provided KWF federal pass-thru funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) by way of Ordinance 2010-19-13 in the amount of \$179,290, by way of Ordinance 2013-19-39 in the amount of \$24,000, and by way of Ordinance 2014-19-51 in the amount of 127,780; and

**WHEREAS,** the total CIAP funds in the amount of \$331,071 have been provided to KWF by way of subrecipient agreements for the purpose of conducting the Adopt-A-Stream program; and

**WHEREAS,** the remaining balance of CIAP funds will be expended by November 30, 2016, leaving KWF without future funds to fully implement this program; and

**WHEREAS,** KWF will continue to seek alternative funding sources, including grant opportunities that may be available to continue the Adopt-A-Stream program;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports the Kenai Watershed Forum's efforts to continue the Adopt-A-Stream Program through the acquisition of grants and other funding sources.

**SECTION 2.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough recognizes the Kenai Watershed Forum as an important organization, providing environmental education specific to watershed conservation throughout the central Kenai Peninsula.

**SECTION 3.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**

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Blaine Gilman, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: