

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 02/07/23
Action: Adopted
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2023-011**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH THE WILDFIRE
RESEARCH CENTER TO CONDUCT WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENTS IN THE
COMMUNITIES OF COOPER LANDING, FUNNY RIVER AND NIKISKI**

WHEREAS, the Wildfire Research Center (“WiRē”) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to working with wildfire practitioners to support the creation of fire-adapted communities; and

WHEREAS, WiRē received funding to collect and interpret data that informs decisions about wildfire adaptation for selected communities on the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, due to historical fires as well as potential wildland fire risks, the unincorporated communities of Cooper Landing, Funny River and Nikiski were selected as part of the study areas; and

WHEREAS, the value of the in-kind services provided by WiRē is \$158,000, including personnel, resources and outreach materials; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Borough’s best interest to participate in the WiRē study;

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

SECTION 1. That the Borough Mayor is authorized to provide assessing and GIS data to support the study areas of Cooper Landing, Funny River and Nikiski.

SECTION 2. That the Borough Mayor is authorized to appoint the Central Emergency Services Fire Chief, Nikiski Fire Chief and the Emergency Manager as project designees to execute a memorandum of agreement and any other documents deemed necessary to fulfill the intents and purposes of this resolution.

SECTION 3. That this resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023.

Brent Johnson

Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner

Michele Turner, CMC, Acting Borough Clerk



Yes: Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Ecklund, Elam, Ribbens, Tupper, Johnson
No: None
Absent: Hibbert