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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2018-035**

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR A HOMER WILDERNESS LEADERS (HOWL) APPLICATION TO THE RECREATIONAL TRAIL GRANT PROGRAM OF THE STATE OF ALASKA DIVISION OF PARKS & OUTDOOR RECREATION TO RE-ESTABLISH TRAIL CORRIDORS, IMPROVE TREAD, REPAIR FACILITIES AND ASSIST ALASKA STATE PARKS WITH NEEDED TRAIL PROJECT WORK

WHEREAS, the Homer Wilderness Leaders (“HoWL”) mission is to empower young leaders aged 9 through 16 by providing outdoor, experiential education through fun and dynamic adventures in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, HoWL has been a growing and valuable part of the Kachemak Bay area communities since 2009, offering opportunities for youth to connect with each other while learning wilderness and leadership skills, environmental stewardship, and teamwork; and

WHEREAS, HoWL offers outdoor educational programming to youth that is unique in its curriculum and impact on the local community; and

WHEREAS, HoWL programming includes participating in trail improvement projects within Kachemak Bay State Park, which assists park staff with maintaining trails and facilities that otherwise would not have been maintained or improved; and

WHEREAS, HoWL intends to take on new Kachemak Bay State Park projects at five locations over the next two years that are designed to re-establish trail corridors, improve tread, repair facilities and assist Alaska State Parks with needed trail project work; and

WHEREAS, local trail networks that attract visitors to our community and the educational programs offered by HoWL are beneficial to the citizens of Kachemak Bay; and

WHEREAS, trail and facility improvements will enhance the public value of these trail systems, be designed for maximum sustainability, and will allow greater access to and appreciation of the natural environment in Kachemak Bay by Borough residents and visitors;

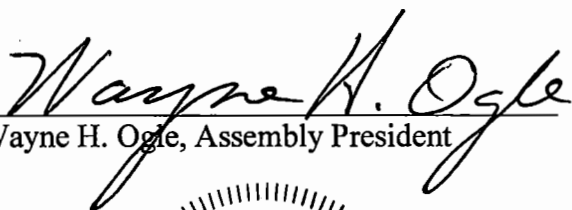
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly hereby expresses its strong support for HoWL's grant application to the Recreational Trail Grant Program to re-establish trail corridors, improve tread, repair facilities and assist Alaska State Parks with needed trail project work.

SECTION 2. Copies of this resolution shall be sent to HoWL and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation.

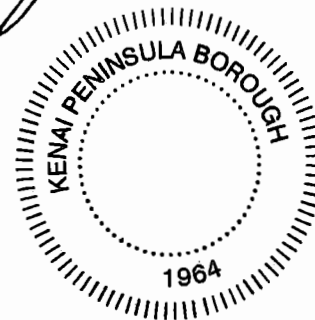
SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.


Wayne H. Ogle, Assembly President

ATTEST:


John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bagley, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cooper, Dunne, Fischer, Hibbert, Smalley, Ogle
No: None
Absent: None