

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Mayor's Office

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Brent Johnson, Assembly President  
Members, KPB Assembly

**THRU:** Peter A. Micciche, Mayor *PM*

**FROM:** Roy Browning, CES Fire Chief *RB*  
Trent Burnett, NFSA Fire Chief *TB*  
Richard Brackin, BCFSA Fire Chief *RB*  
Jon Marsh, WES Fire Chief *JM*  
Bob Ciccirella, KESA Fire Chief *RWC*

**DATE:** April 4, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Resolution 2024- 017, Approving an Intergovernmental Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement between the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry & Fire Protection, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough on behalf of Central Emergency Service Area, Nikiski Fire Service Area, Bear Creek Fire Service Area, Western Emergency Service Area, and Kachemak Emergency Service Area (Mayor)

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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 ("KPB") 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 KPB, 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 KPB, its fire 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 June 20, 2017, the Assembly adopted Resolution 2017-045, approving an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between KPB's emergency service areas and the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources. For 2024, this Agreement has been updated and revised with concurrence of KPB fire and emergency service areas and the state, and requires Assembly approval.

Your consideration is appreciated.