

Introduced by: Mayor, Ribbens
Date: 05/07/24
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
COMMENDING RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE NIKISKI HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA, DEBATE
& FORENSICS TEAM - DIVISION II ALASKA STATE CHAMPIONS IN DRAMA FOR
THE YEAR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Division II Alaska State Drama, Debate & Forensics (DDF) Championships were held February 22-24, 2024, at East High School in Anchorage, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Head Coach Joe Rizzo, with Assistant Coach Carla Jenness, the Bulldogs scored 23 points to take the Division II Drama title, beating 2nd place winner Sitka by just one point; and

WHEREAS, Nikiski High had only half as many students on their team compared to most of the 22 participating schools; and

WHEREAS, the championship team was composed of Allie Spurgeon, Belle Morris, Destiny Langston, Kincaid Jenness, Rainy Jenness, Leora McCaughey, Oshie Broussard, and Kyler Allen; and

WHEREAS, special recognition and the sportsmanship award were given in honor of the Bulldogs' dedication to DDF and their fair and generous treatment of all students from all schools as well as their gracious behavior regardless of their own wins or losses; and

WHEREAS, the team's excellent performance is a testament to their determination, commitment, teamwork, enthusiasm, and love of the activity, and a credit to their coaches, families, school, and community; and

WHEREAS, all eight team members made it to the final rounds with Belle Morris & Kyler Allen finishing 4th in Duo Interpretation; Allie Spurgeon finishing 6th in Pantomime; Destiny Langston finishing 4th in Dramatic Interpretation; Oshie Broussard & Kincaid Jenness finishing 6th in Duo Interpretation; and Nikiski High sweeping the Readers Theater Finals with 2nd place going to Rainy Jenness, Leora McCaughey, Allie Spurgeon, and Destiny Langston for their performance of Dandelion Wine by Ray Bradbury; and 1st place going to Kyler Allen, Belle Morris, Kincaid Jenness and Oshie Broussard for their performance of All the Great Books by Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs brought home 11 state medals in this highly competitive championship involving over 200 participants;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly commends the Nikiski High School DDF Team for their performance in winning the Division II Alaska State Championship in Drama.

SECTION 2. That a special Certificate of Achievement shall be presented to each member of the winning team.

SECTION 3. That a copy of this resolution shall be given to Head Coach Joe Rizzo.


SECTION 4. This resolution becomes effective immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 7TH DAY OF MAY, 2024.



Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Cooper, Cox, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tunseth, Tupper, Johnson
No: None
Absent: None