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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2018-027**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSALS TO NAME TWO MOUNTAIN PEAKS  
LOCATED EAST OF RESURRECTION BAY AS MOUNT MARY AND SANTA ANA  
PEAK**

**WHEREAS,** Daniel P. Michaud and Harold E. Faust, two longtime Seward residents who are active mountain climbers and explorers, are preparing proposals to request naming two local mountain peaks, Mount Mary and Santa Ana Peak; and

**WHEREAS,** Mount Mary would be named in honor of Mary Lowell who moved to the area now known as Seward in 1893, built a homesite with her husband Frank, stayed there after Frank left in 1893 and raised their nine children and completed her homestead claim; and

**WHEREAS,** two of her children were Alice and Eva for whom two nearby mountains have been named; and

**WHEREAS,** a number of Seward landmarks are named in memory of the Lowell family including Lowell Canyon, Lowell Creek and Lowell Point; and

**WHEREAS,** it is fitting to name a mountain in memory of the matriarch of the family, Mary; and

**WHEREAS,** Santa Ana Peak is proposed to be named in honor of the SS Santa Ana which brought 60 settlers, 14 horses, construction equipment and supplies to Resurrection Bay in 1903 where a base was being established for an enterprise to build a railroad into the interior of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS,** that base was soon thereafter named Seward; and

**WHEREAS,** 109 years before 1903, the first ship constructed on the west coast of North America was built in Resurrection Bay named the Phoenix using local supplies and completing the project in 1794; and

**WHEREAS,** a 5,155-foot-high mountain directly west of Seward was named Phoenix Peak in memory of the launch of that important early ship; and

**WHEREAS,** it would be appropriate to continue that naming pattern to honor the SS Santa Ana which was a pioneers' ship by naming a summit visible from the City of Seward; and

**WHEREAS,** in Resolution 89-49 the assembly approved a policy restricting commemorative naming for individuals to rooms in public buildings, wayside pullouts, campgrounds or parks and to use the most common, well-established descriptive usage by residents to name public buildings, geographic locations or landmarks; and

**WHEREAS,** the names provided in this case have true historic meaning and it is important to name these peaks; and

**WHEREAS,** the Alaska Historical Commission, through the Office of History and Archaeology, serves as the geographic names board for the State of Alaska and makes recommendations to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names; and

**WHEREAS,** having maps with correct names on geographic features assists users, field personnel, and emergency service providers; and

**WHEREAS,** on May 29, 2017 the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission conducted a public hearing and recommended approval by unanimous consent;

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

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding the policy established in resolution 89-49, the Kenai Peninsula Borough assembly supports the application by Daniel P. Michaud and Harold E. Faust to officially name two unnamed peaks located on the eastside of Resurrection Bay, as follows:

**Mount Mary:** (Domestic Geographic Name Proposal #9369) located at 60 degrees, 6 minutes, 58 seconds North; 149 degrees, 13 minutes, 44 seconds West. It rises to an elevation of 4883 feet and dominates the view to the east from the Seward Marine Industrial Center. The Godwin Glacier flows along the north base of this peak, separating it from Mount Alice approximately two miles to the northwest.

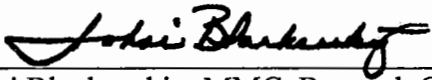
**Santa Ana Peak:** (DGNP # 8922) located at 60 degrees, 5 minutes, 3 seconds North; 149 degrees, 12 minutes, 3 seconds West. The summit, at 4754 feet, is about 2.5 miles south-southeast of Mount Mary and 5.5 miles east of the shore of Resurrection Bay.

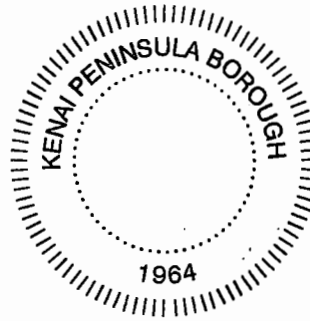
**SECTION 2.** That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its enactment.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018.**

  
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Wayne H. Ogle, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



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