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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2021-063**

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING ALL QUALIFIED RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE
FULLY IN THE 2021 KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the right to vote is one of the most important rights of citizenship in our representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough (“Borough”) has over 51,000 registered voters in 28 voting precincts, six of which are vote by mail precincts; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has been conducting safe and secure elections for the past 56 years; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly recently adopted Ordinance 2021-18 which codified measures to ensure safe and secure local elections, and

WHEREAS, voter turnout in the past 6 elections on the Kenai Peninsula Borough has averaged under 24 percent, with occasional precincts as low as 4 percent; and

WHEREAS, increasing voter turnout improves civic engagement, helps establish stronger social connections, empowers the whole community, improves the total health of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough continues to engage with youth, community groups, disability rights groups, and voters in general to increase voter participation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough provides multiple ways to vote, including in person, absentee in person available beginning 15 days prior to the regular election, absentee by electronic transmission, absentee by mail, special needs, and questioned/provisional ballots available at polling sites;

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

SECTION 1. In an effort to increase voter turnout, the KPB Assembly strongly encourages all qualified residents of the Borough to register to vote and to be sure their voter registration information is current, to be fully informed about candidates and issues, and to vote by whatever means best suits their needs.

SECTION 2. The KPB Assembly also encourages voters with any questions or concerns about voting to reach out to the Borough or City Clerks.

SECTION 3. The KPB Assembly encourages all qualified residents to recognize your duty and right to vote in the upcoming Borough elections beginning on September 20, 2021 and leading up to Election Day on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.


SECTION 4. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 17TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.

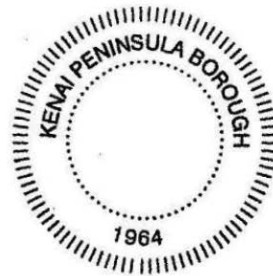


Brent Hibbert, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Jonni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bjorkman, Carpenter, Chesley, Cox, Dunne, Elam, Johnson, Hibbert
No: None
Absent: Derkevorkian