

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Johnson, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Peter A. Micciche, Mayor *PM*
Tyson Cox, Assembly Vice President *TC*
Kelly Cooper, Assembly Member *KE*

DATE: October 26, 2023

RE: Resolution 2023-075, Amending the Assembly Invocation Policy Regarding
Invocations Before the Borough Assembly Meetings to Provide that Invocations will
be Given by Chaplains (Mayor, Cox, Cooper)

This Resolution amends the current invocation policy to ask the volunteer chaplains for the Borough's fire and emergency service areas to provide short invocations that are in-line with U.S. Supreme Court precedent and in-line with the Assembly's intent to take a moment of reflection to benefit the Assembly.

The Assembly's intent is that the invocation should be non-sectarian, not promoting any particular religious affiliation, with participation completely voluntary, and with the purpose of taking a moment to solemnize the proceedings.

Volunteer chaplains serving the Borough's emergency and fire service areas are practiced in providing comfort and solace and not proselytizing a specific viewpoint or religious denomination.

Your consideration is appreciated.