

Introduced by: Cox, Mayor  
Date: 09/03/24  
Action:  
Vote:

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
COMMENDING RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE WINNERS OF THE 34<sup>TH</sup> CARING FOR THE  
KENAI COMPETITION AND RECIPIENTS OF THE 2024 PRESIDENT’S  
ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH AWARD**

**WHEREAS,** the Environmental Protection Agency, in partnership with the White House Council on Environmental Quality, announced Tuesday that the winners of the 34<sup>th</sup> Caring for the Kenai Competition had been selected to receive the prestigious President’s Environmental Youth Award (PEYA); and

**WHEREAS,** the PEYA Program has recognized outstanding community-level environmental projects by K-12 youth for more than 50 years; and

**WHEREAS,** a team from Girl Scout Troop 210 made up of Caitlyn Eskelin (KCHS), Emma Hindman (River City Academy), Kadie Newkirk (Connections) and Lyberty Stockman (SoHi) claimed 1<sup>st</sup> Place honors in this year’s CFK and were nominated and selected for the PEYA award; and

**WHEREAS,** to help prevent manmade wildfires, the girls built and deployed a bucket lending tree near a water source at campgrounds in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, for campers to fill, douse fires, and return the bucket for someone else to use; and

**WHEREAS,** it marks the 8<sup>th</sup> time that youth from the Kenai Peninsula community have been chosen as distinguished PEYA recipients; and

**WHEREAS,** the students are invited to attend an awards presentation in Washington D.C. August 1<sup>st</sup>;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly recognizes and commends Caitlyn Eskelin (KCHS), Emma Hindman (River City Academy), Kadie Newkirk (Connections) and Lyberty Stockman (SoHi) for the innovative spirit, hard work, and commitment they displayed executing their bucket tree fire prevention project, winning first place in the 2024 Caring for the Kenai program and being awarded the President’s Environmental Youth Award (PEYA),

**SECTION 2.** That a copy of this resolution will be presented to Caitlyn Eskelin, Emma Hindman, Kadie Newkirk, and Lyberty Stockman (SoHi), and program creator Merrill Sikorski with the appreciation and thanks of the Assembly.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.**

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Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: