Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 06/17/25
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 2025-028

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY AID BETWEEN EASTERN PENINSULA HIGHWAY EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA AND AGENCY PARTNERS

- WHEREAS, mutual aid agreements and their operation plans provide for additional resources to residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough in the form of fire and medical personnel when required; and,
- WHEREAS, cooperative aid agreements provide for additional resources to residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough in the form of emergency services and fire and medical personnel when required; and
- WHEREAS, current cooperative aid agreements along the Eastern Peninsula allow all parties to work cooperatively to provide consistent and coordinated responses to incidents requiring emergency medical or fire services along the heavily traveled highway corridors in that portion of the Kenai Peninsula; and
- WHEREAS, current cooperative agreements reflect the commitment by the many agencies located along that area of the borough to provide emergency response for visitors and citizens; and
- WHEREAS, all associated costs are borne by each responding agency, and, upon request, reimbursed at set rates by Eastern Peninsula Highway Emergency Service Area (EPHESA); and
- WHEREAS, rates paid by EPHESA are tied to individual agency ratings providing incentive for emergency response agencies to continue training and recruitment of qualified individuals; and
- WHEREAS, continuing the current structure serves the best interests of public safety; and
- **WHEREAS**, at the regularly scheduled meeting held on June 16, 2025, the EPHESA board recommended approval by unanimous consent;

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

SECTION 1. That the cooperative agreement between EPHESA and (1) Bear Creek Fire and Emergency Service Area; (2) Central Emergency Services; (3) Cooper Landing Emergency Services, Inc.; (4) Hope Sunrise Emergency Services, Inc.; (5) Moose Pass Volunteer Fire Company; (6) Seward Volunteer Ambulance Corp.; and, (7) City of Seward on behalf of the Seward Fire Department is in the best interest of the borough and its citizens and is hereby approved. The Mayor is authorized to execute a cooperative agreement substantially in the form of the attached agreement, and execute renewals of the agreement.

SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 17TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

Peter Ribbens, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk

Yes: Baisden, Cox, Cooper, Ecklund, Dunne, Johnson, Morton, Tunseth, Ribbens

No: None

Absent: None