

Introduced by: Johnson, Mayor
Date: 11/10/15
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2015-050**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE TSALTESHI TRAILS
ASSOCIATION TO SECURE A RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT FROM THE
STATE OF ALASKA**

- WHEREAS,** the Tsalteshi Trails Association (TTA) leases borough lands adjacent to Skyview Middle School; and
- WHEREAS,** Ordinance 2011-31 authorized additional leased acres to TTA for trail expansion; and
- WHEREAS,** TTA has constructed ski trails, snowshoe and singletrack trails in accordance with approved Kenai Peninsula Borough Development plans; and
- WHEREAS,** developing singletrack and snowshoe trails has been successful because they are extremely popular with trail users and have enjoyed great volunteer support to construct and maintain; and
- WHEREAS,** it is necessary to contract specialized expertise in mini trail construction equipment and design to continue building a safe and sustainable bike/snowshoe trail system; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tsalteshi Trails system provides valuable outdoor year-round recreation opportunities for Kenai Peninsula residents; and
- WHEREAS,** the ability for TTA to maintain and properly provide safe "user friendly" trails is a standard that has been established; and
- WHEREAS,** events, including cyclo-cross and other bike races held on the Tsalteshi Trails have brought people from around the borough, state and world to our community; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the Alaska Division of Public Health (2013), 79 percent of Alaskan high school students do not meet the physical activity recommendation of 60 minutes every day and 74 percent of Alaskan adults do not meet the aerobic and muscle strengthening physical activity recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the TTA trail system provides centrally located trails within woodland surroundings and together with its contagious popularity, it encourages healthy activities for all ages; and

WHEREAS, the TTA trail system was one of the training grounds for Allie Ostrander, one of the world's fastest distance runners; and

WHEREAS, TTA is applying for a two-year Recreational Trails Grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the State of Alaska to improve and re-route sections of the 3.5 miles of snowshoe and singletrack trails at Tsalteshi; and

WHEREAS, the Recreational Trails Grant Program is administered by Alaska State Parks, but the funds come from Federal Highways and the funding is already committed by the federal government for 2015; and

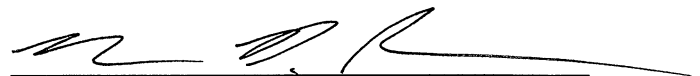
WHEREAS, the Assembly has previously supported TTA's efforts in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 to secure Alaska State Recreational Trails Grants;

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

SECTION 1. That the Assembly supports the efforts of the Tsalteshi Trails Association to secure an Alaska State Recreational Trails Grant from the State of Alaska.

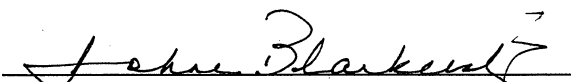
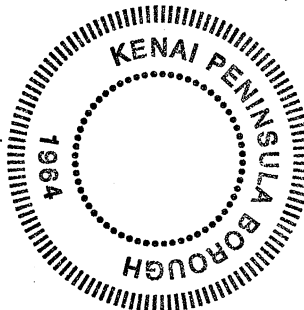
SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015.



Blaine Gilman, Assembly President

ATTEST:


John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes: Bagley, Cooper, Dunne, Holmdahl, Johnson, McClure, Ogle, Welles, Gilman
No: None
Absent: None