

Introduced by: Bagley  
Date: 01/17/17  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: 6 Yes, 3 No, 0 Absent  
Date: 01/17/17  
Action: Notice of Reconsideration  
Given by Dunne  
Date: 02/14/17  
Action: Motion to Reconsider Failed  
Vote: 3 Yes, 6 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2017-012**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY  
REGARDING ITS ADOPTION OF THE INVOCATION POLICY IN  
RESOLUTION 2016-056**

- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly (“assembly”) is an elected legislative and deliberative body serving the residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough (“borough”); and
- WHEREAS,** beginning in the spring of 2016, the assembly has heard numerous public comments regarding its practice of hearing invocations at the beginning of its meetings; and
- WHEREAS,** the assembly has since considered three ordinances and three resolutions relating to its invocations; and
- WHEREAS,** members of the assembly are accorded the personal privilege of speaking openly about their personal preferences and individual perspectives while considering proposed resolutions and ordinances during public meetings; and
- WHEREAS,** individual members of the assembly have asserted their rights as private citizens to speak openly about their personal preferences and individual perspectives in public and private settings, as well as in and through various media outlets; and
- WHEREAS,** no individual member of the assembly has been authorized to speak independently on behalf of the borough concerning the intent of the assembly in the consideration or adoption of any resolution or ordinance pertaining to hearing invocations; and
- WHEREAS,** on October 11, 2016 the assembly adopted Resolution 2016-056 which established a policy regarding invocations offered at the beginning of assembly meetings which is now in effect; and

**WHEREAS,** the assembly wishes to clarify that the comments of individual assembly members are reflections made in their personal capacity and do not represent the intention of the body, which is only represented by the majority action of the assembly;

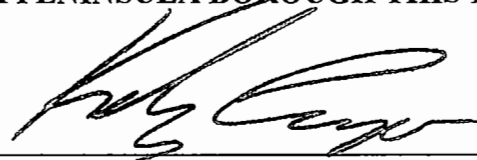
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

**SECTION 1.** The assembly hereby expresses that its rationale supporting the invocation policy is fully and only set forth within the language adopted in Resolution 2016-056.

**SECTION 2.** That only the action of the assembly by majority vote represents the intention of the assembly.

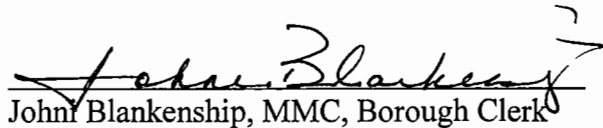
**SECTION 3.** That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 17TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.**

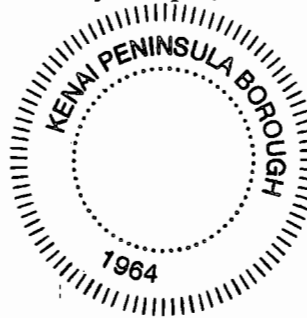


Kelly Cooper, Assembly President

ATTEST:



John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



01/17/17 Vote on motion to adopt:

Yes: Bagley, Fischer, Gilman, Hibbert, Ogle, Welles  
No: Dunne, Holmdahl, Cooper  
Absent: None

02/14/17 Vote on motion to reconsider:

Yes: Bagley, Fischer, Hibbert, Ogle, Schaefer, Welles  
No: Dunne, Holmdahl, Cooper  
Absent: None