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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

FROM: Wayne Ogle, Assembly Member *(B) for W.O.*

DATE: July 20, 2017

RE: Resolution 2017- 050 Supporting the Incorporation of the Nikiski Area (Ogle)

The community of Nikiski has petitioned the Alaska Local Boundary Commission ("LBC") to become a home rule city. This request for self-determination is provided for by state constitution, statute and code. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly prepared a similar resolution for Nikiski when they were preparing to petition for incorporation in 1991.

As the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly is the legislative body for the borough, it is the assembly's responsibility and role to set borough policy. To date, the assembly has not, as a body, taken an active role in the petition process. This resolution would express the assembly's support for the community of Nikiski to form a home rule city which is consistent with the Alaska State Constitution's expressed provision for maximum local self-government with a minimum of local government units. The petitioners realize that the ultimate approving authority will be the voters in the community of Nikiski should their petition be approved by the LBC.

Your support for this resolution is respectfully requested.