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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2024-046**

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING SUPPORT FOR HOMER WILDERNESS
LEADERS GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE YOUTH TRAIL MAINTENANCE
INITIATIVE IN KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK, THE KENAI NATIONAL
WILDLIFE REFUGE AND THE CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST**

- WHEREAS,** Homer Wilderness Leaders (“HoWL”) is a Homer based nonprofit whose mission is to empower young leaders through fun and dynamic Alaskan wilderness adventures; and
- WHEREAS,** HoWL facilitates multi-day expeditions that incorporate activities such as rock climbing, kayaking and backpacking; and
- WHEREAS,** HoWL teaches youth leadership, teamwork and outdoor skills; and
- WHEREAS,** the vision HoWL hopes to foster through their program is a community in which people engage in the world joyfully, with confidence, competence and care; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2025 and 2026, HoWL will launch a Youth Trail Maintenance Initiative, which will incorporate a trail-work component into most of their expeditions for those two years; and
- WHEREAS,** through trail maintenance projects on public trails, HoWL groups give back to the outdoor spaces they enjoy, but also have the opportunities to learn about environmental protection and recreation management; and
- WHEREAS,** HoWL is applying for the Recreational Trails Program Grant offered by the Alaska Division of Parks and Natural Resources for the Youth Trail Maintenance Initiative; and
- WHEREAS,** the Recreational Trails Program awards grants to projects that improve recreational trails for the public benefit; and
- WHEREAS,** HoWL is proposing trail maintenance projects in Kachemak Bay State Park, the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, and the Chugach National Forest and will take place on existing trails with the guidance and permission of State Park, Refuge, and National Forest staff;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports the application of the Homer Wilderness Leaders for the Recreational Trails Program Grant offered by the State of Alaska Division of Parks and Natural Resources for the Youth Trail Maintenance Initiative in Kachemak Bay State Park, the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and the Chugach National Forests.

SECTION 2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 22ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024.

Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: