

Introduced by: Cooper, Smalley
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Action: Adopted
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2020-013**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 208 CHANGING THE NAME OF
COLLEGE ROAD IN SOLDOTNA TO ALAN BORAAS ROAD**

WHEREAS, Alan S. Boraas moved to the Kenai Peninsula in 1972 and taught education classes at Kenai Peninsula College and to members of the Alaska Native community; and

WHEREAS, he helped to shape and improve the lives of those around him and undertook a number of archeological excavations, most notably the Kalifornsky Village, with permission of the Dena'ina people; and

WHEREAS, after earning his PhD at Oregon State University in 1983 Alan returned to the Kenai Peninsula and Kenai Peninsula College, further studying the history of the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Alan produced numerous publications including important cultural preservation of Alaska Native languages through coordination with the Kenaitze Indian Tribe, developing a program to teach the Dena'ina language, which was viewed so integral to the preservation of the Dena'ina language and culture that the Kenaitze Indian Tribe granted him honorary membership in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Alan was a pillar of the community and was granted many awards throughout his life including Book of the Year at the American Book Awards for Dena'ina Legacy, K'tl'egh'I Sukdu: the Collected Writings of Peter Kalifornsky, the Log Cabin Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kenai Chamber of Commerce, and the Edith R. Bullock Prize for Excellence from the University of Alaska Foundation; and

WHEREAS, College Road runs from Kalifornsky Beach Road to East Poppy Lane terminating at Kenai Peninsula College; and

WHEREAS, Alan is credited with locating numerous Dena'ina heritage and historical sites along this stretch of road; and


WHEREAS, changing the name of College Road to Alan Boraas Road is a way to honor and remember the tremendous impact that Alan had on the Kenai Peninsula and around the State of Alaska;

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

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly strongly supports HB 208, changing the name of College Road to Alan Boraas Road.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.

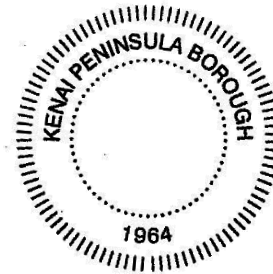


Kelly Cooper, Assembly President

ATTEST:



John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cox, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, Cooper
No: None
Absent: Dunne