

Introduced by: Ecklund
Date: 04/21/26
Action:
Vote:

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
COMMENDING RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SEWARD HIGH SCHOOL
NATIONAL OCEAN SCIENCES BOWL TEAM – 2026 AWARD
RECIPIENTS**

WHEREAS, the Seward High School National Ocean Sciences Bowl Team, Tropic of Answer, won the 2026 First Place Award for Research Paper and Presentation at the Alaska Tsunami Bowl; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Tsunami Bowl is the state’s regional competition for the National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB), a nationwide academic program focused on ocean science education; and

WHEREAS, the five member Seward High School and Connections students are - Kirra DesErmia, Esma Wilder, Otto Nipp, Maddie Haas and Emily Anger; and

WHEREAS, the team met once a week and very much appreciated finally have a marine biology class through Kenai Peninsula College at the high school this year; and

WHEREAS, this award is proof of the team and the coach, Mica VanBuskirk’s work-ethic, dedication, and talent;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly recognizes, commends, and congratulates the Seward High School National Ocean Sciences Bowl for being the 2026 Award Recipients.

SECTION 2. That a special Certificate of Achievement will be presented to each member of Seward High School National Ocean Sciences Bowl Team with the commendation of the Assembly.

SECTION 3. That a copy of this resolution be provided to Principal Henry Burns, Jr. and Coach Mica VanBuskirk.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

Ryan Tunseth, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: