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MEMORANDUM

TO: Blaine Gilman, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

FROM: Kelly Cooper, Assembly Member *KC for K.L.*

DATE: January 21, 2016

RE: Resolution 2016-007 A Resolution Establishing a Temporary Senior Citizens Advisory Task Force (Cooper, Ogle)

This resolution is submitted in response to requests from a senior citizen that the Kenai Peninsula Borough establish a senior citizen advisory commission that would actively advise the mayor and assembly regarding senior citizen issues in the borough and provide services and programs for senior citizens. At this time the borough does not have the areawide authority to directly provide services and programs for senior citizens. However, senior citizens do comprise an important segment of the borough community and have a number of unique issues and concerns.

This resolution would establish a three-year task force that would meet quarterly and advise the assembly and the mayor regarding issues relating to senior citizens' concerns in the borough. It would also prepare reports upon request of the assembly regarding issues related to senior citizens in the borough. The task force would dissolve automatically in three years or, upon the establishment of a permanent committee to address issues relating to senior citizens in the borough, whichever occurs first. The latter may require the adoption of additional powers by voter approval. In the interim this temporary task force could raise awareness of such issues and provide the borough with the opportunity to determine the level of interest in the borough for expanding the scope of its authority to provide more services to senior citizens.

Your approval of this resolution would be appreciated.