Introduced by: Baisden, Tunseth
Date: 06/17/25
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH COMMENDING RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE KENAI CENTRAL KARDINALS LADY SOCCER TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2025 ALASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION DIVISION II GIRLS STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP AND SECURING BACK-TO-BACK STATE TITLES

- WHEREAS, the Kenai Central High School Lady Kardinal Soccer Team has demonstrated exceptional skill, dedication, and teamwork in achieving the 2025 Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) Division II Girls State Soccer Championship title on Saturday, May 31, 2025, at Wasilla High School in Wasilla, Alaska; and
- WHEREAS, the Lady Kardinal's secured a 2-0 victory over their rivals, the Soldotna Stars, in the championship match, marking their second consecutive Division II state title following their 2024 triumph over Juneau-Douglas; and
- WHEREAS, under the leadership of Coach Jeff Siemers, who took over in 2025, and Assistant Coach Terry Lindamen the team showcased remarkable resilience and determination, the Lady Kardinal's finished the 2024 season with an impressive 14-3 overall record, scoring an astonishing 71 goals; and
- WHEREAS, standout performances with championship goals from Kate Wisnewski and Brynnen Hanson during the final game exemplified the team's skill and tenacity, along with great defensive contributions in goal from Madison Malone, and exceptional teamwork on the pitch from Sarah Baisden, Tait Cooper, Christine Goering, Savannah Hershberger, Katie Johnson, Lily Langham, Ellee Pancoast, Alexis Taylor, Lylah Smith, Danica Swafford, Ellorree Smith, Ella Siemers, Evelyn Cooper, Oliva Tews, all battling fiercely to secure the victory, with support from Seanna Swanson; and
- WHEREAS, the Lady Kardinal's back-to-back championships in 2024 and 2025 represent their third state title appearances in the program's last three years, both wins highlight their extraordinary ascent to prominence in Alaska high school soccer; and
- WHEREAS, the team's success is a testament to the unwavering support of the coaches, families, school staff, and the Kenai Central High School community, as well as the team's commitment to excellence both on and off the field; and
- WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough is proud to recognize the Lady Kard's achievements as a source of inspiration for young athletes across the borough and demonstrating the values of perseverance, teamwork, and sportsmanship;

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

- SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly hereby congratulates the Kenai Central Kardinal's Lady Soccer Team for their outstanding achievement in winning the 2025 ASAA Division II Girls State Soccer Championship and securing back-to-back state titles.
- SECTION 2. That the Borough Assembly commends the players, coaching staff, and the entire Kenai Central High School community for their dedication, hard work, and exemplary representation of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
- SECTION 3. That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the Kenai Central Kardinal's Lady Soccer Team and the Coaches as a token of the Borough's appreciation and pride.
- **SECTION 4.** That this resolution is effective immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 17TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

Peter Ribbens, Assembly President

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ATTEST:

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk

Baisden, Cox, Cooper, Ecklund, Dunne, Johnson, Morton, Tunseth, Ribbens Yes:

No: None Absent:

None