KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2025-031

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY TO COOPERATIVELY MAINTAIN THE STREAM RIVER GAGES AND GAGING STATIONS

WHEREAS, the stage-only gaging station located on the Anchor River near Anchor Point and the continuous record stream gaging stations located on Grouse Creek near Seward, Snow River near Seward, Kenai River at Cooper Landing, and Kenai River below Skilak Lake Outlet near Sterling provide valuable hydrological data collected for flood warning and flood forecasting purposes on the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the use of these gages has been jointly used by the borough and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for several years under a joint funding agreement; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new agreement is for a one-year period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, with the KPB paying $80,000 and with the USGS paying $75,000; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds were appropriated for this agreement in the FY2026 annual budget; and

WHEREAS, the KPB's best interests are served by entering into this agreement to assist in minimizing flood damage by providing early warning of impending flood hazards to property owners in low-lying areas;

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

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is authorized to execute a joint funding agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey substantially in the form of the accompanying agreement in which the Kenai Peninsula Borough contributes $80,000 towards joint funding of costs of field maintenance and of analytic work using the above described stream gages.

SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 5TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

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Peter Ribbens, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: