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MEMORANDUM

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

THRU: Mike Navarre, Mayor *MN*
Craig Chapman, Finance Director *BA SR CCC*
Valentina Sustaita, Purchasing and Contracting Director *V. Sustaita*

FROM: Scott Walden, Office of Emergency Management Director *Scott Walden*

DATE: July 14, 2016

SUBJECT: Resolution 2016-041, A Resolution Approving the Sole Source Continuation of an Agreement between Rapid Notify, Inc. and the Kenai Peninsula Borough for Emergency Messaging Notification Services (Mayor)

The Kenai Peninsula Borough has used the Rapid Notify (RN) system since at least 2007 to provide mass emergency messaging to borough residents during wildland fires, tsunami threats, and weather emergencies, and even for lost children.

Reliability and ease of use makes the system effective for the types of disasters about which we need to mass-message the public, including evacuations and shelter instructions. Familiarity and experience with the RN system by OEM, 911 personnel, and a multitude of response disciplines areawide makes the system even more functional.

The annual cost of the system is reasonable. In fact, the proposed agreement addressed by this resolution reflects a slight reduction in cost from previous years.

Another benefit to staying with the RN system is that it will eliminate 30 – 60 days of downtime that would be experienced with a change to another system. This is because borough GIS mapping and database information has already been inputted into the RN system.

The Office of Emergency Management has verified that contract funds were budgeted and approved by the Assembly for this agreement and that funds for the first year are available in account no. 100.11250.00000.43011.

Your support of this resolution would be greatly appreciated.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT / FUNDS VERIFIED	
Acct. No.	<u>100.11250.00000.43011</u>
Amount	<u>\$13,800</u>
By:	<u><i>pp</i></u> Date: <u>7/13/16</u>