

Introduced by: Mayor, Tunseth
Date: 02/06/24
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
COMMENDING RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE KENAI CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL ESPORTS
TEAM AS THE 2023 FALL ALASKA SUPER SMASH BROTHERS STATE
CHAMPIONS**

WHEREAS, the Alaska School Activities Association (“ASAA”) has recognized Esports, or competitive video gaming, as a formally sanctioned sport since 2019, and hosts two seasons of Esports throughout the year, resulting in a spring and a fall state tournament; and

WHEREAS, unlike other activities, Esports teams do not compete in separate divisions, and schools of all sizes will compete against each other; and

WHEREAS, the three games ASAA holds state tournaments for are Rocket League, League of Legends, and Super Smash Brothers; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Fall Alaska Super Smash Brothers Championship was held online on Wednesday, December 13th; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Head Coach Matthew Cross and Assistant Coach Shane Lopez, the Kardinals defeated Lathrop High School to win their first state title, which comes on the heels of two back-to-back runner-up titles for Kardinal Esports in the Fall of 2022 and Spring of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the championship team was composed of sophomore Blake Gillis, junior Eliseo Castro, and sophomore Kaizen Fuller; and

WHEREAS, deserving of honorable mentions are Kardinal Esports teammates Kai Adkins, Landon Dubber, and Boyd Lehmborg, who also qualified for the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, their excellent performance is a testament to their sportsmanship, camaraderie, and determination, and a credit to their coaches, families, and community;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly commends the Kenai Central High School Esports Team for their performance in winning the 2023 Fall Alaska Super Smash Brothers State Championship.

SECTION 2. That a special Certificate of Achievement shall be presented to each member of the winning team.

SECTION 3. That a copy of this resolution be given to Head Coach Matthew Cross.

SECTION 4. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

Brent Johnson

Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Cooper, Cox, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tunseth, Tupper, Johnson
No: None
Absent: None