Introduced by: Ribbens, Cooper
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Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 2025-029

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ASSEMBLY MEMBER JAMES BAISDEN AND DECLARING A VACANCY ON THE ASSEMBLY

- **WHEREAS,** James Baisden was initially elected to serve as an assembly member for Assembly District 1 Kalifornsky, on October 1, 2024; and
- WHEREAS, Assemblyman James Baisden has submitted his resignation from the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly effective October 19, 2025 at 11:59 p.m., thus creating a vacancy for Assembly District 1; and
- WHEREAS, this vacancy will occur within 45 days of the next regular election, therefore the Assembly District 1 seat will be filled at the next regular election with the elected member to serve the remainder of the term; and
- WHEREAS, the prospective effective date will allow the Borough Clerk's Office to advertise the notice of vacancy and provide sufficient time for qualified, interested members of the public to file their declaration of candidacy during the August 1, 2025 through August 15, 2025 candidate filing period;

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

- **SECTION 1.** That the Assembly extends its commendation to James Baisden for his many years of public service and best wishes in future endeavors.
- **SECTION 2.** That the resignation of James Baisden is hereby accepted, effective at 11:59 p.m. on October 19, 2025.
- **SECTION 3.** That pursuant to KPB 22.30.060(D), since there will be less than 45 days remaining between the effective date of the resignation and the regular election date, the vacancy will be filled by the voters at the KPB's regular election on October 7, 2025.
- **SECTION 4.** That the Borough Clerk is directed to provide notice of the vacancy in the same manner as all other Assembly district seats that will be up for election in 2025. Candidates for Assembly District 1 must file their Declaration of Candidacy during the candidate filing period which opens August 1, 2025 and closes August 15, 2025.

SECTION 5. That this resolution is effective immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 8TH DAY OF JULY, 2025.

Peter Ribbens, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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

No: None