

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

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
COMMENDING RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF MIKE NAVARRE**

**WHEREAS,** Kenai Peninsula Borough (“Borough”) Mayor Charlie Pierce resigned from office, effective September 30, 2022, thus creating a need to find a qualified and proficient individual to serve as appointed Borough Mayor until a special election for Borough Mayor could be held; and

**WHEREAS,** Mike Navarre volunteered to serve until a new mayor could be elected to fill the remainder of Mayor Pierce’s term; and

**WHEREAS,** Mike served as Borough Mayor from 1996-1999 and from 2011-2017, thus bringing nine years of Borough mayoral experience to the job; and

**WHEREAS,** during his first term as Borough Mayor, Mike served as President of the Alaska Conference of Mayors; and

**WHEREAS,** Mike’s father, George Navarre, served as Borough Mayor from 1966-1972, providing Mike with the unique experience of being raised in the home of a Borough Mayor; and

**WHEREAS,** Mike graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Government from Eastern Washington University in 1983; and

**WHEREAS,** Mike was elected to the Alaska State House in 1984 and served until 1996, during which time he served several years as Chairman of the House Finance Committee and from 1989-1991 as the House Majority Leader; and

**WHEREAS,** under Governor Bill Walker, Mike served as the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development; and

**WHEREAS,** on September 6, 2022, the Borough Assembly appointed Mike Navarre as interim Mayor to begin service on October 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** Mike brought vast experience to the job of interim Mayor and has performed the job with exceptional talent;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough extends great appreciation for Mike Navarre’s service as appointed Borough Mayor from October 1, 2022 through February 26, 2023, and for his many years of dedication and commitment to public service.

**SECTION 2.** That this resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023.**

  
Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Michele Turner, CMC, Acting Borough Clerk



Yes: Chesley, Cox, Derkevorkian, Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tupper, Johnson  
No: None  
Absent: None