

Introduced by: Mayor, Bjorkman  
Date: 02/01/22  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
COMMENDING RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING RACHEL M. PARRA, DIRECTOR, NORTH  
PENINSULA RECREATION SERVICE AREA FOR HER CONTRIBUTION,  
DEDICATION, AND MANY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE NORTH  
PENINSULA RECREATION SERVICE AREA AND BOROUGH**

**WHEREAS,** Rachel M. Parra has been volunteering and working with the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area for a quarter century starting in 1997, and as Director since 2005; and

**WHEREAS,** while Director, Rachel M. Parra has worked tirelessly to secure state and borough funding for significant capital improvement projects for the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area like Nikiski Community Recreation Center, Nikiski Community Playground, and Nikiski Disc Golf Course and Trail System; and

**WHEREAS,** during her tenure Rachel and North Peninsula Recreation Service Area received multiple awards and accolades. including the “Professional of the Year” award from Alaska Recreation and Parks Association, which is the highest recognition level for AR&PA; and

**WHEREAS,** the leadership qualities Rachel lives by guided her responsibilities as a Director in a way that supported the values of the community; while being fiscally responsible to those invested. She set the bar high; challenged her team to strive for their best, and worked together to achieve those goals. She valued perseverance and enabled the vision of thinking outside the box; and

**WHEREAS,** she would like to be remembered for the role she has played in shaping the many youth, families, volunteers and employees, and the overall the quality of life for the community in to what it is today. She is proud to have been instrumental in overseeing the “world-class” recreation complex; and

**WHEREAS,** Rachel would like to impart three simple bits of wisdom and advice. First, act with integrity, inspire others and own it. Rewards will come later. Next, you can’t get there alone. Develop relationships, focus on others, not yourself. Last of all, smile, it feels good and makes others feel good;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough commends Rachel Parra for her many years of exceptional public service and dedication to the North Peninsula Recreation Service Area and Borough.

**SECTION 2.** The assembly and the borough administration extend its best wishes to Rachel and her family upon her retirement.

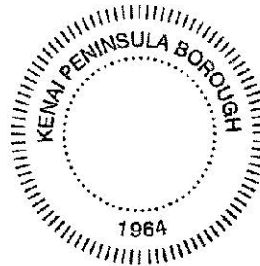
**SECTION 3.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.**

  
Brent Johnson, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



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