

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

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2024-015**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOMER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION'S GRANT
APPLICATION TO REBUILD SOUTH KACHEMAK BAY ELECTRIC FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, Homer Electric Association, Inc. (HEA) provides power throughout the Kenai Peninsula, including the remote communities and native villages located on the south side of Kachemak Bay; and

WHEREAS, HEA purchased the then existing South Kachemak Bay electric infrastructure in 1964 and later connected this infrastructure to the grid through an undersea cable; and

WHEREAS, since the purchase of the South Kachemak Bay electric facilities, investments have been made in back up generation and maintenance of the electric facilities but a rebuild is necessary to upgrade these facilities; and

WHEREAS, HEA submitted a concept paper and was recommended to submit a full grant application for federal funds to rebuild the South Kachemak Bay electric facilities; and

WHEREAS, rebuilding the South Kachemak Bay electric facilities upgrades electric facilities within the Kenai Peninsula Borough and also result in the expansion of fiber optic capabilities;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) supports HEA's pursuit of federal funding to expand fiber capabilities within the KPB to rebuild the South Kachemak Bay electric facilities and encourages the Mayor to work with HEA to support the this project. That the Assembly respectfully requests the Mayor submit a letter of support for this project and execute any other documents necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of this resolution.

SECTION 2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 2ND DAY OF APRIL, 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