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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2024-055**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ALASKA STATE PARKS APPLICATION FOR AN INTERAGENCY LAND MANAGEMENT ASSIGNMENT ADL 233649 FOR TRAILS IN THE COTTONWOOD EASTLAND UNIT OF KACHEMAK BAY STATE PARK

WHEREAS, the Cottonwood Eastland unit of Kachemak Bay State Park has long been a priority for increasing outdoor recreation opportunities on the lower Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2024-025, supported the efforts of the Homer Cycling Club and Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park to establish hiking, biking, or equestrian trails in the Cottonwood Eastland unit of Kachemak Bay State Park; and

WHEREAS, an interagency land management assignment (ILMA) is critical to authorize the development and management of two parcels of state-owned land near the Cottonwood Eastland unit of Kachemak Bay State Park, paving the way for improved public access and trail development; and

WHEREAS, a planned multi-use trail system at the Cottonwood Eastland unit has received overwhelming public support; and

WHEREAS, as part of the assessment, survey, and layout process for the new Cottonwood Eastland trails, multiple public access parking lot and trailhead locations were analyzed through public meetings, site visits, one-on-one conversations with neighbors, and professional evaluation and fieldwork, resulting in the identification of parcel A at East End Road mile 17 as the preferred parking lot location; and

WHEREAS, without the parcel A access point secured and under the management of State Parks, there is no viable access into the northern portion of Cottonwood Eastland unit to the planned new trail system outside of the adjacent neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, without the ILMA approval, the trails project cannot move forward;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports Alaska State Parks application for an Interagency Land Management Assignment (ILMA) ADL 233649.

SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution will be provided to State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water.

SECTION 3. That this resolution is effective immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024.

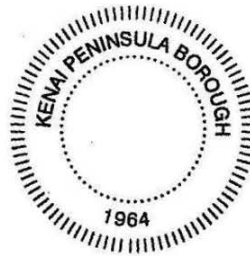


Peter Ribbens, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Baisden, Cooper, Dunne, Ecklund, Elam, Johnson, Tunseth, Ribbens
No: None
Absent: Cox