KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2016-009

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 23 RELATING TO OPIOD OVERDOSE DRUGS AND TO IMMUNITY FOR PRESCRIBING, PROVIDING, OR ADMINISTERING OPIOID OVERDOES DRUGS

WHEREAS, heroin and opioid pain reliever abuse constitute a dangerous and growing public health threat in the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, naloxone is a prescription drug with no abuse potential which is extremely effective in reversing opiate overdoses and this effective medical tool is currently unavailable when needed most; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control has referenced a 2010 study which found that 48 naloxone programs in 15 states and the District of Columbia have reversed more than 10,000 overdoses since 1996; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 23 removes civil liabilities from doctors who prescribe and trained bystanders who administer naloxone to save the life of an opiate overdose victim; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 23 further addresses Alaska's opioid abuse epidemic by removing some legal barriers to the timely administration of naloxone;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports Senate Bill 23 and urges the Alaska House of Representatives to pass the bill and Governor Walker to sign the legislation when passed.

SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution shall be delivered to Governor Bill Walker and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Legislative Delegation.
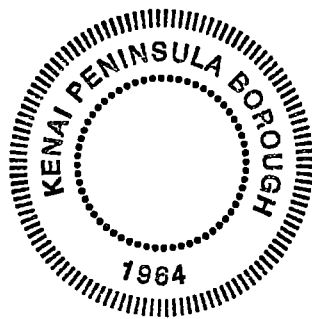
SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.

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Blaine Gilman, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes: Bagley, Cooper, Dunne, Holmdahl, Johnson, Knopp, Ogle, Welles, Gilman

No: None

Absent: None