

Introduced by: Gilman, Mayor  
Date: 07/26/16  
Action:  
Vote:

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
COMMENDING RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JONAH THEISEN FOR WINNING THE NCAA  
DIVISION II OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE MEN'S 3000  
METER STEEPLECHASE FOR 2016**

- WHEREAS,** Jonah Theisen graduated from Kenai Central High School in 2015 and ran track and field and cross country for Kenai for all four years of his high school career; and
- WHEREAS,** upon graduation from Kenai Central High School Jonah chose to attend Black Hills State University located in Spearfish South Dakota where he runs both cross country and track and field; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2016 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships were held May 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, in Bradenton Florida; and
- WHEREAS,** under the direction of Coach Scott Walkinshaw, Jonah claimed the NCAA National Championship in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 8:53.29; and
- WHEREAS,** Jonah is the first track athlete from Black Hills State University to win an individual NCAA national championship; and
- WHEREAS,** Jonah is the first track athlete that graduated from an Alaskan high school to win an individual NCAA national championship at any level; and
- WHEREAS,** in an earlier meet in California, Jonah posted a season best of 8:50.58, the fourth fastest time for a college freshman in the United States, regardless of level; and
- WHEREAS,** Jonah earned United States Track & Field Cross Country Association All-Academic Honors; and
- WHEREAS,** Jonah's performance during his freshman year in outdoor track, particularly at the national championships was superb and a credit to his parents, Bob and Regina Theisen, his school and his community;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly commends Jonah Theisen for winning Black Hills State's first NCAA National Championship in the men's 3000-meter steeplechase.

**SECTION 2.** That a copy of this resolution be given to Head Cross Country Coach / Assistant Track & Field Coach, Scott Walkinshaw.

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

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 26TH DAY OF JULY, 2016.**

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Blaine Gilman, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: