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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2016-058**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALASKA AVALANCHE INFORMATION CENTER'S (AAIC) EFFORTS TO INSTALL SAFETY SIGNS AT KEY SNOWMOBILE ACCESS POINTS TO PROVIDE CRITICAL INFORMATION FOR BACKCOUNTRY WINTER TRAVEL TO RAISE AWARENESS AND PREPARE RIDERS FOR SAFE SNOWMOBILE RIDING

WHEREAS, Alaska is ranked number one in the nation for both snowmobile and avalanche related injuries and deaths per capita; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is a recreational mecca attracting thousands each winter to snow machine, hike, ski, snowboard, and sled; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Avalanche Information Center is a non-profit organization providing avalanche forecast and education services in six regions around Alaska including Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, Alaskan's youth and new visitors to this state continue to be attracted to Alaska's rugged wilderness and mountains and advances in technology and motorized vehicles like snowmobiles, snow cats, airplanes and helicopters increases the risk of avalanches and snowmobile related injuries; and

WHEREAS, the installation of safety signs with critical information and messaging regarding backcountry travel at key snowmobile access points has the potential to raise awareness and greatly reduce the number of incidents and fatalities associated with avalanches;

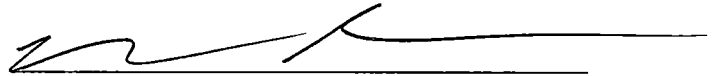
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Borough Assembly recognizes the need for snowmobile safety education and awareness to help reduce unintentional injuries and deaths and supports the efforts of the Alaska Avalanche Information Center to inform and educate those that travel, work and recreate in mountain terrain with the placement of safety signage at key snowmobile access points with the written permission of land owners.

SECTION 2. That safety signs shall be installed in the following locations: Primrose within the Moose Pass area, Snug Harbor within Cooper Landing area and Caribou Hills within the Ninilchik area.

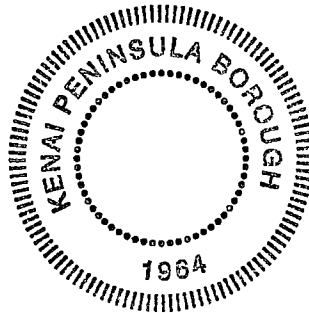
SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.



Blaine Gilman, Assembly President

ATTEST:


John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes: Bagley, Cooper, Dunne, Holmdahl, Johnson, Knopp, Ogle, Welles, Gilman
No: None
Absent: None