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Action: Adopted as Amended
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2018-039**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE TSALTESHI TRAILS
ASSOCIATION TO SECURE A RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT
FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA**

- WHEREAS,** the Tsalteshi Trails Association (“TTA”) leases Kenai Peninsula Borough (“borough”) lands adjacent to Skyview Middle School; and
- WHEREAS,** ordinance 2017-08 authorized additional acres to TTA for trail expansion through a 20-year “Community Trail Management Agreement”; and
- WHEREAS,** TTA has constructed ski trails, snowshoe and single-track trails in accordance with approved borough development plans; and
- WHEREAS,** developing ski, single-track and snowshoe trails have been successful because they are extremely popular with trail users and have enjoyed great community support; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tsalteshi Youth Ski program has 150+ Elementary school participants that Use the trails at night with the advantage of 7 kilometers of trail lights and will greatly benefit from an additional 1 kilometer of new lighting and improved lighting on minimally lighted trails; and
- WHEREAS,** the trails use during the darkest months by community skiers, KPBSD school programs, and other competitive events will be greatly enhanced by expanded night skiing opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** the TTA trails system provides valuable outdoor year-round recreation opportunities for borough residents; and
- WHEREAS,** the ability for TTA to maintain and properly provide safe user friendly trails is a standard that has been established; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the Alaska Division of Public Health (2013), 79 percent of Alaskan high school students do not meet the physical activity recommendation of 60 minutes every day and 74 percent of Alaskan adults do not meet the aerobic and muscle strengthening physical activity recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the TTA trails system provides centrally located trails within woodland surroundings and together with its contagious popularity, it encourages healthy activities for all ages; and

WHEREAS, the TTA trails system was one of the training grounds for Allie Ostrander, one of the world's fastest distance runners; and

WHEREAS, the Recreational Trails Program grant is administered by the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, but the funds come from Federal Highway Trust Fund and the funding is already committed by the federal government for 2017; and

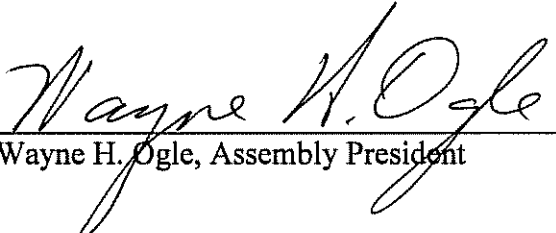
WHEREAS, the assembly has previously supported TTA's efforts in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2017 to secure Recreational Trails Program grants;

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

SECTION 1. That the assembly supports the efforts of the Tsalteshi Trails Association to secure a two-year Recreational Trails Program grant from the State of Alaska.

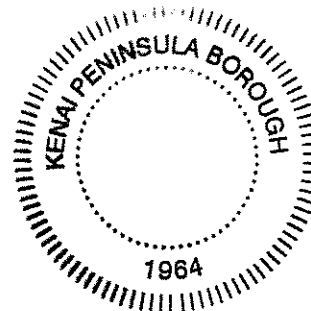
SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.


Wayne H. Ogle, Assembly President

ATTEST:


John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bagley, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cooper, Dunne, Fischer, Hibbert, Smalley, Ogle

No: None

Absent: None