

Introduced by: Bagley, Smalley, Ogle  
Date: 03/05/19  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2019-021**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE KENAI PENINSULA COLLEGE**

- WHEREAS,** Kenai Peninsula Borough ("KPB") has supported Kenai Peninsula College ("KPC") since 1964 when the college was founded and the borough was formed; and
- WHEREAS,** on July 24, 1971, the City of Soldotna signed a quit claim deed transferring property for \$1 to the State of Alaska for 171 acres to be used for the purpose of higher education; and
- WHEREAS,** this land is the site of KPC's Kenai River Campus ("KRC"); and
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District ("KPBSD") leased the Homer Elementary school to KPC for \$1/year from 1997-1999 and in 1999, KPBSD gave the school to the City of Homer and the city provided the same support (\$1/year) to KPC until 2001; and
- WHEREAS,** KPBSD has provided KPC with two offices and use of classrooms at Seward High School in the evening (all free of charge) at KPC's Resurrection Bay Extension Site ("RBES") in Seward; and
- WHEREAS,** KPBSD provides KPC's Kachemak Bay Campus ("KBC") in Homer free use of their welding lab, pottery studio and wood shop in Homer High School and has for many years; and
- WHEREAS,** KPC is responsible for all University of Alaska postsecondary education within KPB's boundaries; and
- WHEREAS,** KPC serves the borough at KRC, KBC and RBES; and
- WHEREAS,** KPC enrolls on average 5,700+ students annually; and
- WHEREAS,** the college is the largest University of Alaska community campus and larger than the Juneau Campus in enrollment and student credit hours; and
- WHEREAS,** last year KPB provided \$817,755 to KPC to support postsecondary education to borough residents; and

**WHEREAS,** these funds have supported the following programs:

- Jump Start which is a tuition waiver program for high school seniors and juniors, students pay \$71 per credit versus \$212 per credit
- Adult Basic Education and GED outreach to villages
- Low enrolled classes at RBES
- KPC recruiter and Peer Ambassador Scholars
- KPC veterans' affairs coordinator and safety officer
- KBC instructional support position and registration clerk
- KBC student advisor
- KRC evening coordinator
- KRC developmental student advisor
- KBC library support

**WHEREAS,** since 1992 KPB has provided KPC with \$12,714,226 via a 1/10<sup>th</sup> mill rate assessed on property values; and

**WHEREAS,** KPB and the City of Valdez are the only municipalities to provide monetary funding to their local colleges;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports the Kenai Peninsula College.

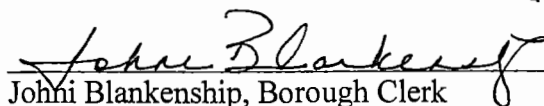
**SECTION 2.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough respectfully requests that the State of Alaska continue to fund the Kenai Peninsula College and all Kenai Peninsula campus locations at the current funding level as a strong and healthy local college option is a priority.

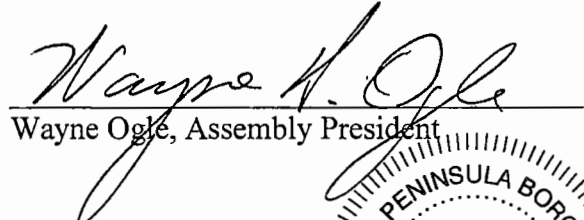
**SECTION 3.** That a copy of this resolution will be provided to Governor Dunleavy, the Alaska State Legislature, and the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

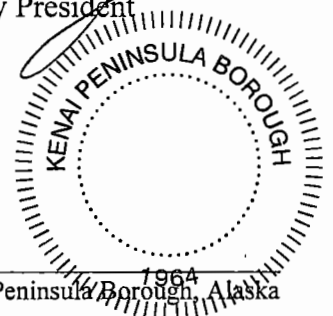
**SECTION 4.** That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 5TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019.**

ATTEST:

  
John Blankenship, Borough Clerk

  
Wayne Ogle, Assembly President



Yes: Bagley, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cooper, Fischer, Hibbert, Smalley, Ogle  
No: None  
Absent: Dunne