

**CITY OF SELDOVIA  
RESOLUTION 20-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA  
SUPPORTING THE INCLUSION OF PRACTICAL CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND  
MITIGATION MEASURES IN THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH'S 2019  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN- *as amended***

**WHEREAS**, July 2019 was Alaska's hottest month on record, and

**WHEREAS**, this summer's temperature and rainfall are consistent with scientifically agreed-upon models of global climate trends that forecast such conditions could be common in the Kenai Peninsula Borough in the future, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Seldovia declared a local disaster emergency on August 26, 2019 due to drought from extreme temperatures and lack of precipitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kenai Peninsula Borough managed three declared disasters this summer caused or exacerbated by increased temperatures and lack of rainfall, namely the Swan Lake Fire and the droughts in Seldovia and Nanwalek, and

**WHEREAS**, climate trends threaten the future of the Kenai Peninsula's economically and socially important salmon runs by depleting water levels and raising temperatures in Cook Inlet streams; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Seldovia, along with local businesses and the local school, were impacted financially by the drought and residents were advised to use extreme conservation methods during the crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, continued climate trends resulting in drought in Seldovia will have an increasingly negative long-lasting impact on Seldovia and its future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kenai Peninsula Borough is updating their 2005 Comprehensive Plan to address new challenges, seize opportunities for growth and prosperity, and coordinate efforts throughout the borough; and

**WHEREAS**, a climate adaption plan and other climate adaption mitigation measures are included in the Kenai Peninsula Borough 2019 Comprehensive Plan Draft; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Seldovia is a first-class city in the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, we the elected officials have the obligation to secure a future for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Seldovia urges the Kenai Peninsula Borough to include climate adaption verbiage in their comprehensive plan that includes; adaptation, renewable energy strategy, and to reduce footprint.

**NOW THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the City Council of the City of Seldovia supports and encourages inclusion of practical climate adaptation and mitigation measures in the borough's 2019 comprehensive plan.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Seldovia, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

ATTEST:

*Heidi Geagel*

Heidi Geagel, City Clerk

APPROVED:

*Dean Lent*

Dean Lent, Mayor

