Kenai Peninsula Borough Office of the Mayor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Charlie Pierce, Borough Mayor (Jesse Bjorkman, Assembly Member Norm Blakeley, Assembly Member Kenn Carpenter, Assembly Member

- **DATE:** May 21, 2020
- **RE:** Ordinance 2020-<u>29</u>, Opposing Passage of Legislation that Would Restrict Individual Rights Protected by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Declaring the Borough a Second Amendment Sanctuary (Mayor, Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter)

The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America states: "A well-regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed". Article 1, Section 19 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska states: "A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. The individual's right to keep and bear arms shall not be denied or infringed by the State or a political subdivision of the State".

Alaska Statute 44.99.040 prohibits the use of state or municipal local funds to implement or aide in the implementation of a federal law that infringe on a person's right to keep and bear arms or deny a person's due process rights.

The residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting, and shooting conducted within the borough using all types of firearms allowable under the U.S. and Alaska Constitutions. The purpose of this ordinance is to express its commitment to protection of the constitutional right to bear arms, that no local funds or resources will be used to restrict or aid restriction of rights under the Second Amendment, and to declare the Kenai Peninsula Borough a "Second Amendment Sanctuary".

Your support is appreciated.