

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Office of the Borough Mayor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Hibbert, Assembly President Pro Tem
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CP*
Jesse Bjorkman, Assembly Member *JB*
Bill Elam, Assembly Member *BE*

DATE: October 29, 2020

RE: Resolution 2020-078, Opposing any Governmental Mandate
Requiring Members of the Public to Be Inoculated with a Covid-19
Vaccine (Mayor, Bjorkman, Elam)

Efforts to develop vaccinations for COVID-19 have been underway for months and are expected to be available to the public in the near future. While a vaccination is a very important step towards stopping the spread of this virus, concerns have been raised that the government might require most people to be vaccinated. This resolution opposes any such mandate by the government.

In my opinion a governmental mandate that most people be vaccinated would result in a strong resistance, creating more divisiveness in our communities and potentially exacerbating the problems caused by COVID-19. Instead, as more and more people are successfully vaccinated and COVID-19 cases diminish, people who were initially opposed to taking the vaccines are much more likely to get vaccinated.

Your support of this resolution would be appreciated.