

Introduced by:	Mayor, Bjorkman, Elam
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Action:	Adopted as Amended
Vote:	8 Yes, 1 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2020-078**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESIDENTS TO  
RECEIVE A COVID-19 VACCINE ON PRIORITIZED AND OPTIONAL BASIS**

- WHEREAS,** according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) “immunization with a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine is a critical component of the United States’ strategy to reduce COVID-19-related illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths and to help restore societal functioning”; and
- WHEREAS,** the CDC issued a COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations on September 16, 2020 which provides detailed information for state, territorial and local public health programs and their partners on how to plan and operate a vaccination response to COVID-19 within their jurisdiction; and
- WHEREAS,** the stated goal is to have enough COVID-19 vaccine for all people in the United States who wish to be vaccinated; and
- WHEREAS,** significant progress is underway towards developing such vaccines; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States continues to face a great deal of social turmoil, severe economic hardships, and associated emotional and physical problems due in large part to COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** the CDC web page discussing historical vaccine safety concerns states “[t]here is solid medical and scientific evidence that the benefits of vaccines far outweigh the risks, there have been concerns about the safety of vaccines for as long as they have been available in the U.S.”; and
- WHEREAS,** significant efforts are underway to develop safe vaccinations against COVID-19 to promote public health and safety, but many people are concerned that a new vaccine could potentially have serious harmful effects on themselves; and
- WHEREAS,** according to a recent Gallup Poll the percentage of Americans willing to be vaccinated against the coronavirus dropped 11 percentage points to 50 percent in late September, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** requiring everyone to be vaccinated against COVID-19 once the vaccine is publicly available is likely to face significant resistance during an already highly volatile time in history; and

**WHEREAS,** the best interests of the state would be served by encouraging people to get the COVID-19 vaccination when it becomes available, but not requiring them to take it;

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

**SECTION 1.** The assembly supports Kenai Peninsula Borough residents receiving a COVID-19 vaccine on a prioritized and optional basis.

**SECTION 2.** That copies of this resolution shall be provided to Governor Michael Dunleavy and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Anne Zink, MD, FACEP.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 10TH DAY NOVEMBER, 2020.**

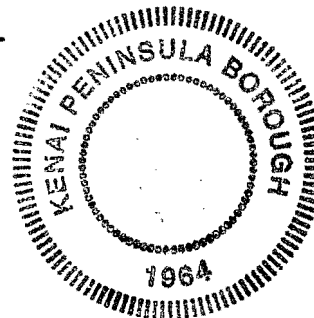


Brent Hibbert, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bjorkman, Carpenter, Cox, Derkevorkian, Dunne, Elam, Johnson, Hibbert

No: Chesley

Absent: None