KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 00-01-8

CONSTRUCTION OF THE KENAI PENINSULA YOUTH FACILITY

- WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Family and Youth Services through a Master Plan for Youth Facilities (February 1997) recommends building a Youth Facility in the central Kenai Peninsula; and
- **WHEREAS**, a need continues to exist for housing of juvenile defenders in an appropriate facility and for juveniles to be detained closer to home; and
- **WHEREAS**, the lack of a facility might result in immediate release of a juvenile without detention giving a message to juveniles that there is not immediate consequence to criminal activity; and
- WHEREAS, the facility could also be developed as an "assessment center" that would supplement detention with appropriate and timely substance abuse and mental health counseling, and educational support services; and
- WHEREAS, a local committee has been actively working in cooperation with the state on the location of a facility and design; and
- WHEREAS, funding for a facility has not been appropriated to date;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- **SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District continues to support the building of a Kenai Peninsula Youth Facility for the Kenai Peninsula.
- **SECTION 2.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough School Board urges the Governor and the Legislature to fund the construction of such a facility in the next legislative session.
- **SECTION 3.** That the Governor, Commissioners of Health and Social Services and Department of Corrections be provided a copy of this resolution upon its adoption.
- **SECTION 4**. That this resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 20 day of November, 2000.

Deborah Germano, President

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

ATTEST: Sally 9. Jackick

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Notary Public, State of Alaska

My Commission Expires 7/25/01