

Introduced by: Smith, Mayor  
Date: 02/05/13  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2013-014**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA ADMINISTRATION AND  
ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE FULLY CONSIDER THE BENEFITS TO THE  
RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH WHEN  
CONSIDERING THE EXPANSION OF MEDICAID UNDER THE AFFORDABLE  
CARE ACT**

**WHEREAS,** the Affordable Care Act provides for expansion of Medicaid benefits by increasing the eligibility income level; and

**WHEREAS,** significant numbers of Kenai Peninsula Borough residents would become newly eligible for benefits if the State opted to agree to the Medicaid expansion; and

**WHEREAS,** the increase in eligible beneficiaries would provide increased care and improved health for many borough residents; and

**WHEREAS,** borough hospitals would see an increase in reimbursed care and a decrease in charity care; and

**WHEREAS,** other health care providers would see a similar benefit; and

**WHEREAS,** the increase in Medicaid funding would provide better health for our residents and an economic boost to the borough; and

**WHEREAS,** a preliminary evaluation by Northern Economics predicts for each \$1 in State funding related to Medicaid expansion, \$15.5 in new federal funds will be generated; and

**WHEREAS,** the evaluation also finds a net reduction of State costs because increased Medicaid eligibility will displace other costs borne by the State;

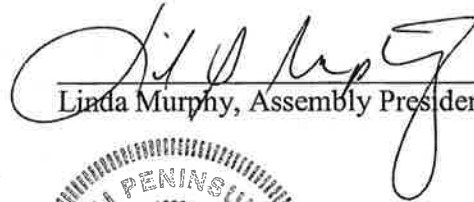
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly requests the State of Alaska Administration and the State Legislature to weigh heavily the great benefits that would accrue to the residents of the borough and to the borough economy while deciding whether to expand our Medicaid program.

**SECTION 2.** That copies of this Resolution be provided to Governor Sean Parnell and all members of the Legislature representing the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

**SECTION 3.** That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.**

  
Linda Murphy, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Haggerty, Johnson, McClure, Pierce, Smith, Tauriainen, Wolf, Murphy  
No: None  
Absent: Smalley