

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Office of the Borough Mayor

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Charlie Pierce, Mayor 
Jesse Bjorkman, Assembly Member 
Richard Derkevorkian, Assembly Member 
Bill Elam, Assembly Member 

DATE: August 26, 2021

RE: Resolution 2021- 061, Declaring the Kenai Peninsula Borough to be an Inclusive Community where Citizens are Treated Equally and Empowered with Free Choice (Mayor, Bjorkman, Derkevorkian, Elam)

The borough assembly has previously supported public health with the passage of legislation encouraging borough residents to follow CDC guidelines regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and encouraging citizens to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. While encouraging citizens to follow CDC guidelines and best practices, the assembly has not supported government-imposed vaccine inoculation or mask wearing mandates. This resolution supports citizens' free choice and opposes government mandated restrictions that may segregate and divide our community based on vaccine status.

This resolution, if passed, would declare the Kenai Peninsula Borough an inclusive community, where all residents are treated equally and free from discrimination regarding individual health decisions.

This resolution emphasizes that the assembly and administration are opposed to government mandates that would require proof of vaccination status for access to local businesses, places of worship or community events.

This resolution also emphasizes the idea that empowering free choice includes not disparaging fellow citizens for their personal choice to get a COVID-19 vaccination or their choice to wear face coverings.

Your support of this resolution is appreciated.