

Introduced by: Mayor, Bjorkman,
Derkevorkian, Elam
Date: 09/07/21
Action:
Vote:

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2021-067**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH TO BE AN
INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY WHERE CITIZENS ARE TREATED EQUALLY AND
EMPOWERED WITH FREE CHOICE**

- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough is an inclusive community, where all people should be treated equally, with equity, compassion, communal kindness, and understanding; and
- WHEREAS,** through previously adopted legislation the borough assembly has expressed support for public health and encouraging people to get the COVID-19 vaccination, but not requiring citizens to be inoculated with a COVID-19 vaccine; and
- WHEREAS,** the borough assembly and borough administration do not support government mandated restrictions imposing mandated COVID-19 vaccine segregation in our community; and
- WHEREAS,** all citizens should have the right to choose to not get a COVID-19 vaccination based on religious, medical, or personal reasons; and
- WHEREAS,** proof of vaccination status should not be required by any government mandate in order to access businesses, places of worship, or cultural events; and
- WHEREAS,** the borough assembly has no legal authority to waive mandates imposed by the State of Alaska or the borough's School District; and
- WHEREAS,** this resolution recognizes that citizens know what is best for their health and safety, the health and safety of their families, and through this resolution the borough assembly expresses its support for citizens' free choice; and
- WHEREAS,** empowering citizens free choice includes not disparaging or discouraging the use of face coverings or the decision to get a COVID-19 vaccine; and
- WHEREAS,** the assembly continues to recommend that citizens follow CDC guidelines or best practices and take personal responsibility for their choices but the assembly does not support government-imposed health care mandates; and

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

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough is an inclusive community where citizens and business are treated with equity regardless of vaccination status or mask usage.

SECTION 2. The assembly supports freedom of choice for all our citizens and businesses, and supports their judgment to do what is prudent and in the best interests of their person, their family, and their business.

SECTION 3. The assembly does not promote COVID-19 vaccine segregation. All people will be treated equally and empowered with personal choice, all while implementing safety measures to keep or citizens healthy and secure.

SECTION 4. The assembly opposes government-mandated requirements on citizens to show proof of vaccination status in order to access local businesses, places of worship, or cultural events. The assembly upholds the values of personal responsibility and individual liberties to empower citizens to make their own healthcare choices.

SECTION 5. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 7TH DAY SEPTEMBER, 2021.

Brent Hibbert, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: