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October 23, 2011

Dear Mr. Williams and staff members of the Local Boundary Commission,

On behalf of the City of Kupreanof, Alaska, I would like to submit our Resolution 11-5 of January 22, 2011 (attached), which outlines our opposition to the proposed Petersburg Borough.

Unlike the City of Petersburg when it initiated the process for their borough petition, the City of Kupreanof actually took a poll of its residents and found none (who responded) who were in favor of this borough petition.

Thank you,

Dana Thynes, Mayor
City of Kupreanof
Kupreanof Island, Alaska

A Resolution of the City of Kupreanof

RESOLUTION NO. 11-5

WHEREAS the City of Petersburg is circulating a petition for formation of a Petersburg Borough which includes the City of Kupreanof, and

WHEREAS the proposed Petersburg Borough as described in the Petition and accompanying documents fails to adequately protect the independence of the City of Kupreanof or the interests of residents of the City of Kupreanof, potentially rescinding the powers of self-determination and sovereignty granted by the State of Alaska, and

WHEREAS the planning process for the proposed Petersburg Borough occurred without the opportunity for full participation by the City of Kupreanof, in violation of several laws which mandate an open and transparent process, and

WHEREAS the concerns of the City of Kupreanof have been largely ignored in the planning process, and

WHEREAS the proposed Petersburg Borough provides little or no discernable benefit to the residents of the City of Kupreanof, and

WHEREAS the proposed Petersburg Borough will impose costs on the residents of the City of Kupreanof for services which cannot and will not be provided to them, and

WHEREAS the citizens of Kupreanof may become liable to retire the bonded indebtedness previously incurred by the City of Petersburg for facilities that do not benefit them and for which they did not vote, and

WHEREAS the proposed single-district representation scheme for elections under the proposed Petersburg Borough Charter effectively disenfranchises the residents of the City of Kupreanof, and

WHEREAS the proposed Petersburg Borough fails to adequately address the needs of residents living outside the city of Petersburg, imposing costs on them for services that will not benefit them, and

WHEREAS it is preferable and possible to form a Petersburg Borough that does not include the City of Kupreanof by drawing the boundary down the middle of Wrangell Narrows, thus excluding Kupreanof Island, and

WHEREAS excluding the City of Kupreanof and Kupreanof Island from the proposed Petersburg Borough will have *de minimis* financial impact on the proposed borough, and

WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the City of Kupreanof and its residents that they not be included in the proposed Petersburg Borough, and

WHEREAS the residents of the City of Kupreanof are nearly unanimous in their opposition to being included in a Petersburg Borough,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Kupreanof opposes formation of a Petersburg Borough that includes the City of Kupreanof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Kupreanof respectfully requests that the boundaries of the proposed Borough be re-drawn to exclude the City of Kupreanof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council directs the Mayor and the City Attorney to take whatever actions may be necessary and appropriate to ensure that the City of Kupreanof is not included in the Petersburg Borough as it is presently described.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE CITY OF KUPREANOF,
THIS 22 DAY OF January, 2011.

SIGNED: _____


(MAYOR)

ATTEST: _____


(CITY CLERK)