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**Whereas** The Kenai moose population is in serious decline due to heavy predation by wolves, black bears and brown bears; and

**Whereas** enhancing habitat (GMU 15A only) will not increase the moose population to abundant level of 3000 plus animals; and

**Whereas** the current level of moose calf recruitment will not sustain the moose population and will cause further decline in the population; thereby ensuring local hunting opportunities will not be restored until the moose population recovers; and

**Whereas** the Kenai Peninsula is experiencing a severe winter subjecting moose populations to nutritional stress increased predation by wolves and higher rates of collisions with vehicles; and

**Whereas** the local ADF&G staff are not supportive of these proactive solutions, furthermore, the Homer and Soldotna Wildlife conservation staff has repeatedly failed to carry out any efforts in attempting to reduce the decline of the Kenai moose population; and

**Whereas** the average reported hunter harvest has been 516 moose in the past decade compared to 32 moose harvested in 2011, due to restrictions placed on the hunting community.

**Now Therefore Be it resolved** that we ask the Honorable Governor Sean Parnell to implement predator control by reducing but not eliminating wolves in GMU 15A and 15C to assist in reversing the decline of the Kenai moose population.

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