Introduced by: Mayor Short
Date February 25, 2003
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #03-05

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CAMAI DANCE FESTIVAL 2003 AND PROVIDING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TAXES COLLECTED ON ADMISSIONS AND CONCESSIONS SOLD DURING THE FESTIVAL

WHEREAS, The Camai Dance Festival is a celebration of culture and dance, and;

WHEREAS, More than 20 dance groups and more than 400 dancers, drummers and singers between the ages of 2 and 92 will celebrate the Yup'ik Eskimo tradition of dance, and;

WHEREAS, Camai promotes cultural diversity as Native Alaskan, Native American and international groups share in the common language of dance, and;

WHEREAS, Camai also provides for additional activities during the festival such as a Miss and Mr. Camai contest, native foods dinner for everyone, a quilt show and arts and crafts sales, and;

WHEREAS, Through dance, song and crafts, the traditions of Alaskan Native tribes are communicated to hundreds of people during the three-day festival, and;

WHEREAS, The Camai Dance Festival promotes positive activities in the Bethel community and generates positive statewide publicity for the City of Bethel while bringing many visitors to the Bethel community, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Bethel recognizes the significance of the Camai Dance Festival and supports the dancers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, supports the Camai Festival and will donate an amount equal to the amount of taxes collected on admissions, concessions, table rentals and crafts sold during the Camai 2003 Festival to the Bethel Council on the Arts.

Be it further resolved that the Camai organizers would first file a tax return on the event and remit the sales tax to the City. The City would then make a donation equal to the amount of sales tax collected.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2003, by a vote of 6 for 0 against.

Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Janette Persinger, City Clerk