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## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **RESOLUTION #05-41**

#### **A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF BETHEL COMMUNITY SERVICES FOUNDATION INC. EFFORTS IN DEVELOPING A MOVIE AND PERFORMING ARTS THEATER**

- WHEREAS**, Bethel Community Services Foundation, ("BCS Foundation") has spent the previous year developing plans for a theater complex in Bethel, Alaska;
- WHEREAS**, there is currently no facility within the City of Bethel where movies and live theater productions can be held;
- WHEREAS**, BCS Foundation has secured a lease of state land from the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT/PF) located on Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway that will adequately support the proposed theater and off-road parking;
- WHEREAS**, in the furtherance of making this project an economic reality BCS Foundation has requested a waiver of lease payments from the commissioner of DOT/PF for this lease site;
- WHEREAS**, state law only provides for such lease waivers to political subdivisions of the state;
- WHEREAS**, BCS Foundation has begun working with members of the state legislature to amend the current lease waiver restriction and provide for the granting of such waivers to non-profit entities that develop needed and desirable community facilities;
- WHEREAS**, BCS Foundation plans to construct this facility using its own funding resources and grants from other foundations, trusts and philanthropic partners, and is not seeking State or Federal grants that may compete with funding efforts of the City of Bethel.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council for the City of Bethel endorses and supports BCS Foundations efforts in the development of a theater project for the Bethel community, and in furtherance of making the project an economic reality recommends any statutory change necessary to provide a lease waiver for the project site by DOT/PF.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 29th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2005, BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.**

  
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R. Thor Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sandra Modigh, City Clerk