

Introduced by: City Manager
Date: October 24, 2000
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #00-32

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BALLOT MEASURE #1

WHEREAS, The City of Bethel recognizes that the diversity and abundance of wildlife found in Alaska is unequalled in any other region of the world, and with a deep appreciation and respect for cultural, economic, educational, nutritional, recreational and aesthetic value that wildlife in Alaska provides its citizens;

WHEREAS, Wildlife is Alaska's most treasured resource and belongs to every Alaskan, and as such the preservation, protection, and management of our wildlife resources should not rest upon the political might of any special interest group or be the subject of emotion and illogic;

WHEREAS, We recognize that the very uniqueness of the wildlife that inhabits our state has drawn the envy and the political intrusion of outside special interest organizations that have neither the knowledge nor the understanding of the centuries old relationship Alaskans share with our wildlife;

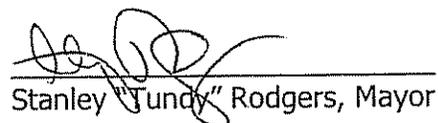
WHEREAS, In recognition of the potential harm such ill informed intrusions may hold for our wild creatures, we formally declare that it is no longer acceptable for the management of Alaska's wildlife resources to be the subject of emotional political campaigns that disregard sound science and common sense simply to further an animal rights ideology;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, supports the Coalition for the Alaskan Way of Life's effort to amend the Alaska Constitution in such a manner as to assure our wild treasures will never again be subject to manipulation by any special interest through use of the Alaska ballot initiative process. Further, the policies governing the management of wildlife will no longer be allowed to bypass the democratic process of deliberation and open public debate offered by the system of local Advisory Committees and the Alaska Board of Game.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER 2000, by unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:


Colleen Soberay, City Clerk


Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers, Mayor