

Introduced by: City Manager Herron
Date: August 28, 2001
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #01-26

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE
EMPOWERMENT ZONE STATUS FOR THE YUKON -KUSKOKWIM DELTA AND
COMMITTING TO PARTICPATE IN THE EMPOWERMENT ZONE PROGRAM
SHOULD THE DELTA BE GRANTED SUCH STATUS**

WHEREAS, The Empowerment Zone program represents a holistic approach to the problems of distressed rural and urban communities and emphasizes a bottom-up community based strategy rather than the traditional top-down bureaucratic approach, and;

WHEREAS, It is a strategy to address economic, human, community, physical development problems and opportunities in a comprehensive manner, and;

WHEREAS, The program is intended to combine the resources of the federal, state and local governments and education institutions and the private and non-profit sectors to implement community-developed strategic plans for community and economic development, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Bethel supports the efforts to obtain Empowerment Zone status and is participating in those efforts, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Bethel commits to participate in a comprehensive regional strategic plan for the region as a whole, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Bethel pledges in-kind resources to the Empowerment Zone program.

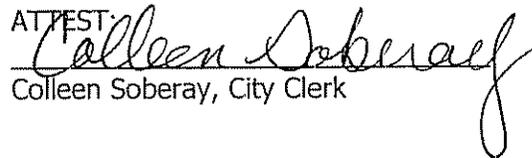
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, supports the Empowerment Zone program and commits to be involved in the implementation of the program.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF AUGUST 2001, by a unanimous voice vote.



Stanley "Furdy" Rodgers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Colleen Soberay, City Clerk