



Presented by: Mayor Richardson
Date: January 28, 1997
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL

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RESOLUTION #97-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE STATEWIDE APPROACH TO MANAGING ALASKA'S PRISONER POPULATION, PREPARED BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CABINET IN FEBRUARY, 1996.

WHEREAS, Alaska's jails and prisons are overcrowded; there are too many inmates for the bedspace available; and

WHEREAS, overcrowding jeopardizes public safety by increasing violence in correctional institutions, increasing the possibility of escapes, and forcing premature release of offenders into communities; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Cabinet has proposed a three-part prisoner population management plan, which consists of the following objectives:

1. Reduce the number of low-risk offenders entering jails and prisons,
2. Increase the number of low-risk offenders exiting jails and prisons,
3. Expand bedspace capacity in regional correctional institutions; and

WHEREAS, for Bethel, the plan proposes increased community training, a new 48-bed prison facility, and expansion of our community residential center.

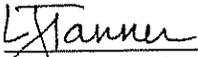
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, supports the Criminal Justice Cabinet's "Statewide Approach to Managing Alaska's Prisoner Population."

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1997.



Ruth M. Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



L.J. Tanner, City Clerk