

RESOLUTION 500

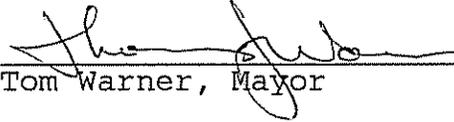
- WHEREAS, Kuskokwim Community College is a locally directed and administered community college serving a 100,000 square mile region in Western Alaska; and
- WHEREAS, the mission and program of Kuskokwim Community College have been developed with the participation and support of the people of this region; and
- WHEREAS, Kuskokwim Community College provides essential educational and community services to a population of 20,000 residents in this region; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Bethel needs Kuskokwim Community College to prepare its citizens for the employment opportunities available here; and
- WHEREAS, the Traditional University mission and program do not meet the needs of the residents of the City and surrounding villages; and
- WHEREAS, Kuskokwim Community College has demonstrated its ability to provide educational, vocational, and support services that meet the needs of native students at or near their homes; and
- WHEREAS, the University of Alaska has proposed a restructuring plan which would merge Kuskokwim Community College into a University; and
- WHEREAS, cost saving is the stated purpose of this restructuring; and
- WHEREAS, community colleges have demonstrated that they can provide educational programs and services at lower cost than can the University; and
- WHEREAS, other alternatives for saving costs exist that would not have an adverse impact on the program, operations, and students of the college.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska:

1. Urges the legislature of the State of Alaska to support separation legislation that protects the mission, programs, and local autonomy of the Community Colleges.

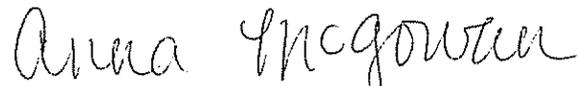
2. Urges Kuskokwim Community College, through its community council, administration, and faculty, to develop plans and proposals that would demonstrate ways that needed cost savings could be obtained that would not result in the loss of the unique mission and services of this college.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1987.



Tom Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:



Anna McGowan, Administrative Assistant
for Wayne J. Maiers, City Clerk