

Introduced by: Mayor Short
Date: April 8, 2003
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #03-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL TO RECOGNIZE TRIBAL ENTITY RIGHTS FOR THE DISPOSITION OF CULTURAL ITEMS AND/OR ANCIENT HUMAN BURIALS, ASSOCIATED ITEMS, AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel, hereinafter call City Council, is the governing body of the City of Bethel, Alaska, and;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, hereinafter called the ANTHC, in coordination with other parties, is providing a grant for construction of sanitation facilities in Bethel under ANTHC Project No. AN 03-CBO to provide for the improved health and welfare of the residents of Bethel, Alaska and;

WHEREAS, the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act, hereinafter called NHPA, provide for cultural resource identification and protection through avoidance or mitigation to avoid unnecessary disturbance of reported or known human burials, and;

WHEREAS, it is the desire and intent of the City Council to comply with all provisions of NHPA, and;

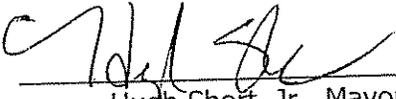
WHEREAS, there is no known controversy anticipated between the proposed sanitation project and known or report ancient human burial(s), associated item(s), or archaeological site(s), and;

WHEREAS, the Orutsaramuit Native Council is the legally recognized local Native American group for conducting affairs regarding the Tribal relationships for the local Native Alaskans in Bethel, Alaska and;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel recognizes the rights of said Tribe to determine the appropriate treatment and disposition of any and all ancient human burials, funerary objects and archaeological artifacts which may be discovered, exposed, or excavated during ground disturbances associated with construction activities required for building or installing sanitation facilities in Bethel, Alaska.

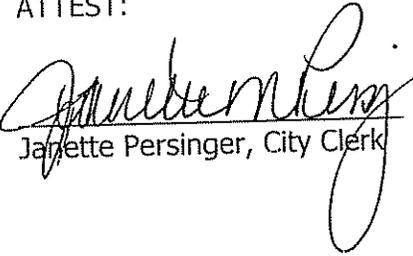
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any contractor, employee or consultant engaged by the local governing body for the purposes of such construction shall be required, by written statement in the documents engaging their services, to refer any and all discovery of cultural resources (including ancient human remains) subject to the provisions of this resolution to the current duly authorized leaders or representatives of said Tribe and to abide by the decisions of such leaders or representatives in making appropriate disposition of such objects.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL 2003, by unanimous vote.



Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Janelle Persinger, City Clerk