



CITY OF BETHEL

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RESOLUTION #93-10

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 173 ENTITLED "AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN CHARITABLE GAMING ACTIVITY FROM MUNICIPAL SALES AND USE TAXES"

WHEREAS, Alaska Statutes now allow municipalities to levy and collect sales taxes on charitable gaming activities, and

WHEREAS, in Bethel the amount generated from these sources is approximately 10 percent of all sales taxes paid to the city in Fiscal Year 1993, and

WHEREAS, the sales tax assessed on charitable gaming activities in Bethel is paid by the consumer, and

WHEREAS, state assistance to municipalities is being steadily eroded because of the decrease in state oil revenue, and

WHEREAS, local governments are being required to increase their local taxing effort to cover this decrease, and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel would have to reduce its service to the community, or increase other taxes, if HB 173 were to pass the Alaska Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bethel City Council that it hereby requests the Alaska Legislature to reject this legislation and to continue to allow local governments to generate tax revenue by taxing gaming activities.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is being sent to Governor Walter J. Hickel; Darrell J. Rexwinkel, Commissioner of Revenue; Rick Halford, President of the Alaska Senate; Ramona Barnes, Speaker of the Alaska House of Representatives; Representative Ron Larson, sponsor of the bill; Harley Olberg, Chair of the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee; Brian Porter, Chair of the House Judiciary Committee; Eileen Maclean, Chair of the House Finance Committee; Senator George Jacko; and Representative Lyman Hoffman.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF March, 1993.

VOTE: 6-yeyes; 0-nays

James H. Feaster III
James H. Feaster III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane Elam
Jane Elam, City Clerk

"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"