

Introduced by: Vice-Mayor Williams
Date: July 22nd, 2008
Action: Passed
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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 08-12

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUCIL SUPPORTING STATE HOUSE BILL NO. 4003 "AN ACT MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY FOR POWER COST EQUALIZATION; MAKING SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE ALASKA RESOURCE REBATE PROGRAM; MAKING SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN SHARED TAXES RELATING TO AVIATION FUEL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFICTIVE DATE."

WHEREAS, rural Alaska is facing ongoing challenges with the rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS, the cost of electricity has continued to rise which directly effects the amount of money used for the power cost equalization program subsidized by the state; and

WHEREAS, the cost of fuel and electricity has led to the increased cost of other goods and services throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the average income for rural Alaska has not increase to match that of the rising costs of living; and

WHEREAS, with the increased cost to the business owners (who are not getting the government subsidies), they in turn have to shift their increased costs onto the consumer; and

WHEREAS, leaving individuals and families with much less money to spend on necessary goods and services; and

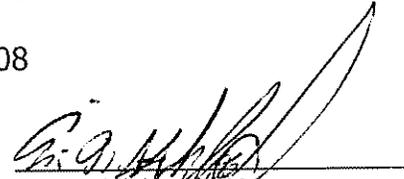
WHEREAS, state and federal subsidies are necessary for families in the bush communities to sustain the economic changes; and

WHEREAS, the resource rebate program will help defer some of the hardships facing rural Alaskan's through the winter and provide relief for the rising energy costs; and

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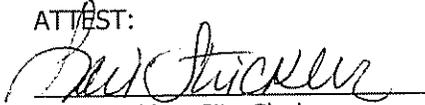
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Bethel is in support of the State of Alaska passing State House Bill No. 4003 An Act making supplemental appropriations to the Alaska Energy Authority; and

APPROVED and **SIGNED** this 22nd day of July, 2008



Eric Middlebrook, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Strickler, City Clerk