



CITY OF BETHEL

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Presented by: Mayor Phillips
Date: March 24, 1998
Action: Passed
Vote: Unanimous

RESOLUTION #98-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA, OPPOSING SENATE BILL 337, MANDATORY INCORPORATION OF THE UNORGANIZED BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 337 requires the mandatory incorporation of the regions identified in the 1995 Local Boundary Commission report, "Model Borough Boundaries," and provides for an effective date, and

WHEREAS, the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region currently experiences the highest level of poverty in the State of Alaska, and there is not enough taxable property to support another level of government, and

WHEREAS, most of the land in the Yukon Delta region is owned by federal or native organizations, or are native allotments, which are tax-exempt, and it would be very hard for a mandatory borough to levy any kind of property tax, and

WHEREAS, the people of this area believe there are other alternatives available to the State, to provide for public school funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, strongly opposes Senate Bill 337, which provides for the incorporation of the unorganized borough

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 1998.

ATTEST:


Laurie J. Walters, Acting City Clerk


Agnés L. Phillips, Mayor