

Introduced by: Mayor Dymont  
Date: September 27, 2005  
Action: Passed  
Vote: Unanimous

## CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

### Resolution #05-34

#### **A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 40 AS FIRST PROPOSED WHICH SEEKS THE CREATION OF A PORT AUTHORITY FOR THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER**

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 40, an effort to benefit the Kuskokwim region, was initially proposed without the benefit of public consultation with all communities or surface landowners included in the Authority's designated boundaries;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed port authority's operating area is extremely large; its stated purpose is broad, only generally defined and is more typical of those granted to borough governments;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed port authority's powers are not specifically limited, nor is its governing body made up of elected representatives of the people;

**WHEREAS**, Alaska Statute 29.35.605 grants authority to municipalities to create port authorities, but to protect the public interest also requires that a proposed port authority's limitations be defined in the creating ordinance and then demands approval by the voters of the municipality or municipalities participating in proposed authority;

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 40 does not provide for either of these aforementioned protections;

**WHEREAS**, amendments to Senate Bill 40 could be made which address the concerns of effected municipalities, village councils, and corporate and individual landowners.

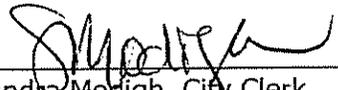
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council is adamantly opposed to Senate Bill 40 as currently written, but recognizes its intent is to develop the economy of the region and so is willing to confer with the bill's sponsors and other interested entities to develop amendments to the bill that better safeguard the interests of the public.**

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**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTMEBER 2005, BY A UNANIMOUS  
VOTE IN FAVOR.**

  
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Hugh Dymont, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sandra Modigh, City Clerk