



CITY OF BETHEL

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Presented by: City Manager Hunter
Date: July 8, 1995
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No

RESOLUTION #95-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL DECLARING A STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY IN BETHEL DUE TO THE DAMAGE TO THE RIVERBANK, SEAWALL AND CITY DOCK

WHEREAS, in May, 1995, the City of Bethel, Alaska sustained severe losses and threats to life and property resulting from the erosion of the City Dock facility due to the damage to the seawall from the Spring breakup; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel requested and received assistance from the Governor and Alaska Division of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, the erosion has not halted, but has accelerated and expanded to include the seawall extension as well as the unprotected riverbank at the base of the seawall; and

WHEREAS, this accelerated erosion is threatening not only the City Dock facilities and the seawall itself, but now includes the potential destruction of several houses and the State highway which connects the city of Bethel to the airport; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel's Port is the transshipment and commercial hub for 56 villages within the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and the possibility of degradation of the Dock would have a drastic impact on the availability of basic necessities for the entire region; and

WHEREAS, the damage caused by the erosion poses a threat to life, property, transportation and the commerce of the region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel is a political subdivision within the State of Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council does hereby declare a state of disaster emergency to exist in Bethel, Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council requests the Governor to declare a Disaster Emergency to exist as provided for in AS 26 23, and provide such assistance as is requested and/or request additional assistance from the President or appropriate Federal agencies where State capability is not adequate; and

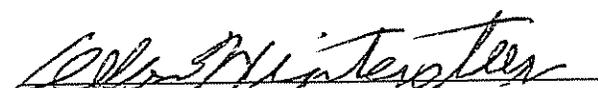
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Bethel has or will expend resources as result of this disaster for which no State or Federal reimbursement will be requested, and constitutes an approximate dollar value of \$50,000.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF JULY, 1995

ATTEST:



Connie Tucker, City Clerk


Allan Wintersteen, Mayor