RESOLUTION #601

A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL, OF BETHEL, ALASKA, SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF H.B. #94, "AN ACT RELATING TO BOAT NUMBERING, ACCIDENTS AND SAFETY".

WHEREAS, Alaska is the only State that does not have a Boating registration and safety law; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has the highest boating accident and boating related death rate in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Gaurd, due to budget cuts, is unable to properly enforce the boating registration and safety laws within the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, there are more boating related deaths in Alaska than in any other State; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska could derive revenue from the issuance of boat registration numbers as well as a share of the money that is distributed to States from the Federal Government for boating safety; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of the boats in this area fail to obtain registration numbers due to the lack of Coast Gaurd enforcement; and

WHEREAS, under State regulation boats would be required to obtain numbers and to have the necessary lifesaving devises and identification and by enforcement of the boating laws accident and death rates should decrease.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bethel, Alaska request the State Legislature to favorably consider passage of H.B.#94 "An Act Relating to Boat Numbers, Accidents and Safety" during the upcoming session of the State Legislature.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 1988.

Diane Carpenter

Diane Carpenter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna McGowan

Anna McGowan, City Clerk

CITY OF BETHEL

PORT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION No. 88-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE PORT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL TO REQUEST THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DIRECTED TO THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE URGING SUPPORT FOR THE PASSAGE OF H.B. No. 94,"AN ACT RELATING TO BOAT NUMBERING, ACCIDNTS AND SAFETY"

WHEREAS, Alaska is the only State that does not have a Boating registration and safety law; and

WHEREAS, The State of Alaska has the highest boating accident and boating related death rate in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Coast Guard, due to budget cuts, is unable to properly enforce the boating registration and safety laws within the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, There are more boating related deaths in Alaska than in any other State; and

WHEREAS, The State of Alaska could derive revenue from the issuance of boat registration numbers as well as a share of the money that is distributed to States from the Federal Gov ernment for boating safety; and

WHEREAS, A large percentage of the boats in this area fail to obtain registration numbers due to the lack of Coast Guard enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Under State regulation boats would be required to obtain numbers and to have the necessary lifesaving devises and identification and by enforcement of the boating laws accidnt and death rates should decrease,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Port Commission of the City of Bethel that the Bethel City Council, by Resolution, request the State Legislature to favorably consider passage of H.B. 94 "An act relating to boat numbers, accidents and safety" during the upcoming session of the State Legislature.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF JANUARY, 1988

Robert J. Henry

Chairman, Port Commission