

Introduced by: Mayor Short
Date: June 10, 2003
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution #03-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING FEDERAL LEGISLATORS TO FULLY FUND THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILT) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Established in 1976, the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program is a concerted effort to offset costs incurred by counties for services provided to the federal government and to the users of public lands, and;

WHEREAS, The State of Alaska receives a large share of PILT payments, these payments have become a critical component of local government budgets within the State of Alaska, and;

WHEREAS, The community of Bethel is a remote community with limited and diminishing sources of revenue, and in the light of the State of Alaska's growing fiscal crisis, the PILT program is critical to our community, and;

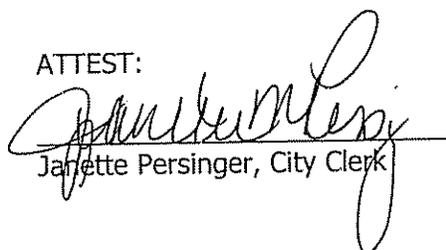
WHEREAS, The City of Bethel currently receives 5 ½% of its overall funding from the PILT program, this funding helps to fund such services as law enforcement and fire department activities.

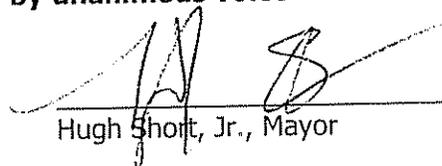
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bethel City Council requests that federal legislators fully fund the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program believing that our region, as well as the State of Alaska, is in a current state of negative financial impact and that more cuts would be severely detrimental to the community and citizens of our region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Bethel City Council wishes to extend its thanks to Senator Ted Stevens, Senator Lisa Murkowski and Congressman Don Young for their hard work and continued support of the PILT program.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF JUNE, by unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:


Jafette Persinger, City Clerk


Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor