

Introduced by: Mayor O'Brien
Date: April 11, 2000
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #00-04

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSERVATION AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 1999: H.R. 701 AND S. 2123

WHEREAS, 317 members of the U.S. House of Representatives are sponsoring H.R. 701, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 701 would direct up to \$160 million annually in new federal dollars to local, state and federal agencies in Alaska for coastal impact assistance, outdoor recreation and wildlife conservation programs; and

WHEREAS, 10 members of the Senate have sponsored similar legislation in the Senate, also called the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of S.2123; and

WHEREAS, these bills would provide major social, economic and environmental benefits to the people of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, public need for a wide range of government services is dramatically increasing, while funding levels are decreasing; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act would help fill this critical funding gap; and

WHEREAS, communities in Alaska would be eligible for funds to construct outdoor recreation facilities such as ball fields, trails, and picnic areas; and

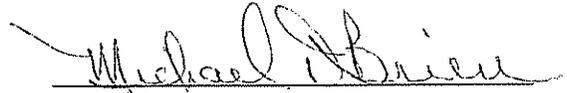
WHEREAS, these facilities enhance the quality of life in Alaska for our kids and are part of a healthy lifestyle for all Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act would also provide funding for wildlife conservation programs, ensuring that Alaska's wildlife remains abundant for generations to come; and

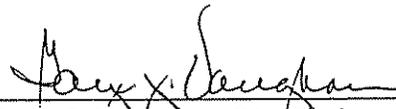
WHEREAS, healthy wildlife populations are important to sustaining Alaska's growing tourism industry, which provides jobs for many Alaskans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, endorses H.R. 701 and S. 2123 and urges Senator Stevens to use influence as chair of the powerful Appropriations Committee to ensure passage of this landmark legislation.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th OF MARCH 2000, by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed.


Mike O'Brien, Mayor

ATTEST:


Gaye J. Vaughan, City Clerk