

Introduced by: Council Member Dymment
Date: June 9, 2009
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 09-25

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE STATE OF ALASKA'S PROPOSED EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE YUKON-KUSKOKWIM CORRECTIONAL CENTER AND BETHEL YOUTH FACILITY

WHEREAS, both the Yukon-Kuskokwim Correctional Center and the Bethel Youth Facility are chronically overcrowded which creates safety issues for inmates and staff and taxes the buildings' systems; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the limited capacity inmates from Bethel and the region are relocated to other correctional centers and juvenile detention facilities in Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the rate of offender recidivism is reduced by close access of inmates to their families, faith and culture; and,

WHEREAS, the state of Alaska Department of Corrections and Division of Juvenile Justice appeared before the Bethel City Council requesting that the City of Bethel consider supporting the expansion and improvements to the facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the expansion and improvements of the facilities represent a partnership between and within units of local and state government, which is a proven way to maximize limited resources in order to accomplish the overall goals of the state and local communities; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel has passed resolutions in support of improvements to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Correctional Center in 2005, 2006, and 2008;

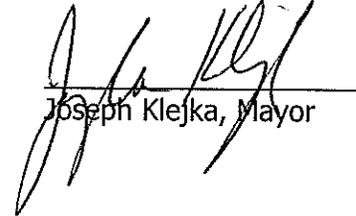
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bethel City Council does hereby support the efforts of the State of Alaska to expand and improve the facilities of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Correctional Center and the Bethel Youth Facility and does hereby agree to provide any technical assistance and support that is within the means of the City to provide.

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**ENACTED THIS 9TH DAY OF JUNE 2009 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND
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ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Joseph Klejka, Mayor