

Introduced by: City Manager Herron
Date: March 11, 2003
Action: Adopted
Vote: 5 - 0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #03-09

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING CUTS TO MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING AND MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE (SAFE COMMUNITIES) PROGRAMS

- WHEREAS,** Due to fishing related disasters, the City of Bethel and the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region has realized a dramatic decrease in the amount of dollars coming into the region, and;
- WHEREAS,** These losses not only affect those citizens involved in the fishing industry, but negatively effect all citizens in the Delta, and;
- WHEREAS,** With the loss of revenue, the City of Bethel and the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region rely heavily on the assistance of the Municipal Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities programs, and;
- WHEREAS,** The City of Bethel receives 4.16 percent of their total operating budget from the Municipal Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities program, and;
- WHEREAS,** The Municipal Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities program monies also benefit the City of Bethel Senior Center, helping to provide a better quality of life for the senior citizens of our area, and;
- WHEREAS,** The Municipal Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities programs provide monies to maintain the Ice Road, thus allowing for a vital link between Bethel and the outlying villages, and;
- WHEREAS,** The Municipal Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities programs provide monies to help maintain the public roads in Bethel, and;
- WHEREAS,** The remaining portion of the Municipal Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities program monies are placed in the general fund to benefit other City of Bethel departments such as the Bethel Police Department, who because of the necessity of their work require a large portion of the budget to operate, and the nature of their work generates relatively small income, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Bethel, as the eligible entity for the Municipal Revenue Sharing, passes \$57,000 to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Bethel Community Services, Bethel Family Clinic, Bethel Group Home, Tundra Women's Coalition and The Bethel Pre-maternal Home.

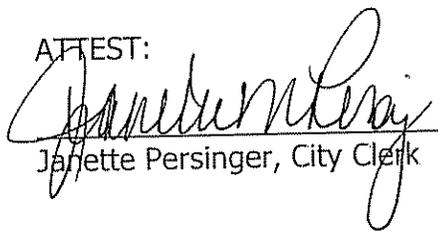
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Bethel opposes all cuts to the Municipal Revenue Sharing and Safe Communities program, believing that our region is in a current state of negative financial impact and that more cuts would be severely detrimental to the community and citizens of our region.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH 2003, by a unanimous voice vote.



Hugh Short, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Janelle Persinger, City Clerk