Introduced by: City Manager Herron
Date September 25, 2001
Action: Passed
Vote: Unanimous

# *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

## RESOLUTION #01-29

## A RESOLUTION DETERMINING A NEW POLICE BUILDING AND REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING FACILITY AS A PRIORITY

**WHEREAS,** The City of Bethel recognizes that a viable police and public safety regional training facility is paramount for the safety and health of a community; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Bethel Police Station is outdated and in poor condition, and is inadequate in size and security, and has inadequate evidence and armory storage, does not have training space, and the City desires to build a new police facility coupled with a public safety training facility, and;

**WHEREAS,** The City of Bethel and villages throughout the region are plagued by a high-turnover rate among police officers and safety officers, and the City of Bethel desires to foster local hiring, and;

**WHEREAS,** The City of Bethel envisions offering crime prevention educational programming involving community, village and tribal safety officers in our region where curricula would include safety officer certificate programs in addition to public-oriented workshops such as self defense and firearm safety and motor vehicle safety, and;

**WHEREAS,** The City's goal is threefold—First, provide for a Bethel Police station and Public Safety Training Center; Second, as a direct result, foster local hiring; Third, provide articulated pathways in criminal justice and public safety careers for the people of the delta, and;

**WHEREAS,** The City of Bethel recognizes the extraordinary service the State Public Safety Commissioner, Glenn G. Godfrey, has extended to the delta through the VPSO program in Sitka, and while a training center in Bethel may be viewed as a duplication of the efforts of the Commissioner through its Sitka program, the City believes a local training center can assist the region as well as complement and enhance the VPSO program while serving as a springboard to enhance recruitment efforts into the VPSO program, and;

**WHEREAS,** The City of Bethel envisions promoting career paths for local delta residents in public safety and law enforcement careers, such as the VPSO program in Sitka and police and trooper academies in hopes of retaining officers throughout the delta, and;

**WHEREAS,** The City of Bethel wishes to underscore its desire to avoid any duplication of efforts of the VPSO program, but wants to aggressively pursue local public safety training needs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that City of Bethel has determined a Bethel Police Station and Regional Public Safety Training Facility to be a priority for the community. The City Council supports the grant efforts to secure funds for constructing the project and believes the success of such a center will only be assured by making the center available to other law enforcement entities within the Y-K Delta.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2001, by a unanimous voice vote.**

Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Colleen Soberay, City Clerk