CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 192

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA, ENDORSING THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSALS FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS OF ALCOHOLISM AND ALCOHOL ABUSE WITHIN THE STATE OF ALASKA.

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel's City Council has determined, through the public hearing process, that it is in the public interest of the City to support the Governor's proposals for legislative action addressing the problems of alcoholism and alcohol abuse within the State of Alaska;

WHEREAS, there is an estimated 30,000 problem drinkers within the State which directly affect an additional 75,000 family members;

WHEREAS, alcoholism and alcohol abuse account for increases in incidents of child abuse and neglect, traffic fatalities, violent and non-violent crimes, decay of the family unit, unemployment and underemployment, and the degradation of self-esteem;

WHEREAS, the human and economic costs of excessive alcohol consumption are high in comparison to the limited number of actions that State and local governments can now take to combat the problems of alcoholism and alcohol abuse;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel is a dry community which completely restricts the sale of beverage alcohol and is continually concerned with the problems of bootlegging and lack of adequate compensation because of a loss of sales tax revenue associated with liquor sales; and

WHEREAS, the legislative proposals introduced by the Governor offer more options to communities which want to limit the sale of alcohol, encourage more effective enforcement of bootlegging laws and raise the excise tax on beverage alcohol so that alcohol consumers assist in paying a greater share of alcohol related costs.

NOW THEREFORE LET IS BE RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Bethel hereby endorse and support the Governor's proposals or legislative action addressing the problems of alcoholism and alcohol abuse within the State of Alaska and encourage the State Legislature to pass and approve the salient elements of the aforementioned legislative proposals.

Passed and approved this 22nd day of March, 1977.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK