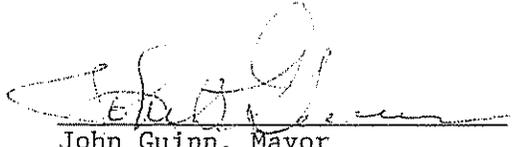


RESOLUTION #355

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA,
PLACING ELECTION OF A HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION ON THE NEXT
SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT.

- WHEREAS, the City of Bethel is presently a second class city; and
- WHEREAS, under Alaska Statutes only first class cities may reclassify directly to home rule status; and
- WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature is considering changing Alaska Statutes to allow second class cities to reclassify directly to home rule status; and
- WHEREAS, the Bethel City Council initiated a Reclassification study to examine and analyze the implications of any change in municipal status; and
- WHEREAS, it is felt by the Bethel City Council that home rule status would provide the greatest degree of municipal governmental flexibility; and
- WHEREAS, under home rule, the City of Bethel would be governed by a Home Rule Charter that could be used to either limit or expand the exercise of municipal powers; and
- WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter must be developed by a Charter Commission; and
- WHEREAS, Charter Commissioners must be elected by the Bethel voters at a general or special election; and
- WHEREAS, based on the opinion of the City Attorney for the City of Bethel, there are no prohibitions against a second class city establishing a Home Rule Charter Commission,
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, recommends that the election of a Home Rule Charter Commission be placed on the next special election ballot.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1981.


John Guinn, Mayor

ATTEST:


Wayne J. Maiers, City Clerk