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## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **RESOLUTION # 06-31**

#### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF A SECTION 5311 NEW START GRANT APPLICATION TO OBTAIN TRANSIT SYSTEM OPERATING FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Transit Administration, acting on the authority of United States Code, Title 49, Section 5311, administers the "Nonurbanized Area Formula Program," in which states may apply and distribute funds to rural public transit systems;

**WHEREAS**, the community of Bethel is eligible for Section 5311 funding because its public transportation plan has been accepted by the state of Alaska and its public transit system is formally recognized as being in an *implementation* status;

**WHEREAS**, the Bethel City Council recognizes the importance of implementing public transportation service to the community of Bethel as a way to lower the cost of living for residents/visitors, and facilitate access to jobs, events, and government, health, and education services;

**WHEREAS**, the Bethel City Council supports a coordinated public transportation system in Bethel that involves multiple agencies making significant contributions to system implementation and operation;

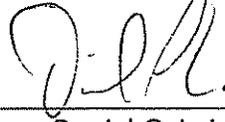
**WHEREAS**, the Bethel City Council and Orutsararmiut Native Council demonstrated mutual support for a public transit system when they approved the Bethel Transit System Advisory Committee Policy on October 10, 2006, a Memorandum of Agreement indicating that the City would be responsible for vehicle maintenance/storage and administration of a public transit system, and the Native Council would be responsible for administering four grants funding the transit system;

**WHEREAS**, match amounts for the grant application will come from in-kind contributions made by the City and other community entities, and previously awarded grant amounts, when applicable, toward the development and operation of the public transit system;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Bethel supports the preparation and submission of a Section 5311 grant application to obtain transit system operating funds.

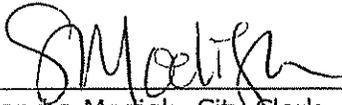
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Daniel C. Leinberger, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Sandra Modigh, City Clerk