

Introduced by: City of Bethel Parks &
Recreation Committee
Date: March 13, 2001
Action: Passed
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #01-11

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THAT SHOOTING SPORTS AND HUNTER SAFETY BE
TAUGHT IN THE LOWER KUSKOKWIM SCHOOL DISTRICT**

- WHEREAS**, Hunting and a subsistence lifestyle are of the utmost importance to most residents of Bethel and the surrounding area, and;
- WHEREAS**, The vast majority of residents of Bethel and the surrounding area own firearms and store firearms in their homes, and;
- WHEREAS**, The safety of the children of Bethel and the surrounding areas are a major concern to all, and;
- WHEREAS**, There have been too many negligent discharges of firearms, many fatal, involving children, and;
- WHEREAS**, Negligent discharges can be prevented through firearms safety and handling training, and;
- WHEREAS**, The 4-H Shooting Sports Program has the knowledge, structure and personnel to teach firearm safety to children, and;
- WHEREAS**, The Superintendent of the Lower Kuskokwim School District has decreed that firearms instruction shall not occur in our schools, and;
- WHEREAS**, We feel much empathy for those affected by the tragic shooting at Bethel Regional High School, the current and future safety of our children is of the utmost importance and safety concerns need to be addressed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, supports the Bethel Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendation that shooting sports and hunter safety be taught in conjunction with the Lower Kuskokwim School District, specifically through the 4-H Shooting Sports Program or other appropriate programs.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF MARCH 2001, by a unanimous voice vote.

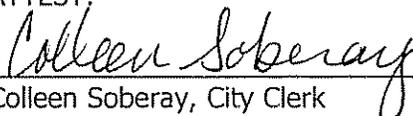


Stanley J. Rodgers, Mayor



Richard Robb, Chair
Parks & Recreation Committee

ATTEST:



Colleen Soberay, City Clerk