

# CITY OF BETHEL

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Presented by: Mayor Richardson  
Date: January 9, 1996  
Action: Passed  
Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No

## RESOLUTION #96-1

### A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING TUNDRA WOMEN'S COALITION'S APPLICATION FOR AN EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANT THROUGH THE ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

**WHEREAS**, the Tundra Women's Coalition is a non-profit organization that provides emergency shelter, transportation, and support services to victims of sexual, physical and emotional abuse, both children and adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the leading cause of death worldwide for women ages 18-44 is injury resulting from domestic violence, and a recent study shows that the rate of sexual assault is higher in the U.S. than most countries; and

**WHEREAS**, nationwide, approximately 50% of all homeless women have no home due to domestic violence, and in Alaska, 80% of all homicides are domestic violence related; and

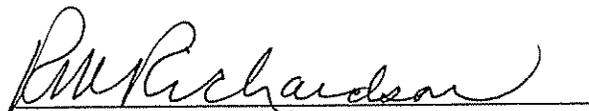
**WHEREAS**, in Bethel and the Y-K Delta, domestic violence and sexual assault account for more criminal activity than any other crime; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding provided to the Tundra Women's Coalition has declined in the last three years as follows: 1993 - \$31,296, 1994 - \$26,652, and 1995 - \$25,031; and

**WHEREAS**, the cuts from funding sources are threatening the ability of the Tundra Women's Coalition to provide safety and refuge to those people who must flee their homes out of fear.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bethel City Council supports the application of the Tundra Women's Coalition for the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's Emergency Housing Assistance Grant Program to ensure the essential services provided by the Tundra Women's Coalition continue.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1996.

  
Ruth Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
L.J. Tanner, City Clerk