

Introduced by: Mayor Phillips  
Date: October 27, 1998  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: Unanimous

**CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION #98-31**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SOUTHWEST ALASKA TO JOIN  
CITIZENS FOR THE EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT OF ALASKA'S CHILDREN**

**WHEREAS**, the education of Alaska's children is critical to the future economic vitality and social well-being of our State; and

**WHEREAS**, the State is responsible for providing the resources required to prepare our children to compete for jobs and be effective citizens in sustaining our democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, inadequate funding by the State has transferred the burden of providing resources for adequate education from the State to local governments; and

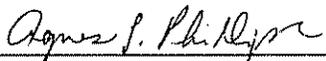
**WHEREAS**, Citizens for the Educational Advancement of Alaska's Children (CEAAC) was founded to determine whether there was any legal and factual basis for challenging the State's system for funding school facilities and the foundation program; and

**WHEREAS**, CEAAC has sued the State of Alaska, alleging that the current system of funding is unconstitutional and discriminatory, and a second suit dealing with the level of program funding is contemplated; and

**WHEREAS**, twenty-one school districts are CEAAC members;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Bethel urges all communities in Southwest Alaska to join Citizens for the Advancement of Alaska's Children and that they also fund membership by their school districts.

**ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA, THIS 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
OCTOBER 1998.**

  
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Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gave J. Vaughan, City Clerk