

RESOLUTION #394

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL,  
ALASKA, SUPPORTING FULL FUNDING OF FISCAL YEAR 1983  
MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE REVENUES AND STATE REVENUE SHARING.

WHEREAS, the continuation of adequate levels of state financial aid is essential for Alaskan local governments to continue to provide important, needed services to their citizens while holding down local taxes; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Assistance revenues are a sharing of corporate income tax revenues by the state with local governments; and

WHEREAS, Alaskan local governments were assured that they would suffer no financial harm when during the 1981 legislative session SB524 was approved which changed the method of taxation of the petroleum industry by transferring much of the corporate income taxes previously paid by that industry to severance taxes; and

WHEREAS, the FY '83 Municipal Assistance appropriation of \$71.3 million represents a \$25.1 million shortfall from the \$96.4 million minimum funding level had not SB524 been approved; and

WHEREAS, Section 89, State Revenue Sharing entitlement, provides state aid to local governments for categorical services such as road maintenance and health facilities and hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the FY '83 Section 89 State Revenue Sharing entitlement for roads, health facilities-hospitals, and volunteer fire departments was funded at only approximately 80% of the amount authorized by state statutes,

NOW THEREFORE THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES that

1. the Bethel City Council supports and endorses the supplemental appropriation of \$25.1 million FY '83 Municipal Assistance revenues to fully fund the entitlement at the amount had not the method of taxation of the petroleum industry been changed; and

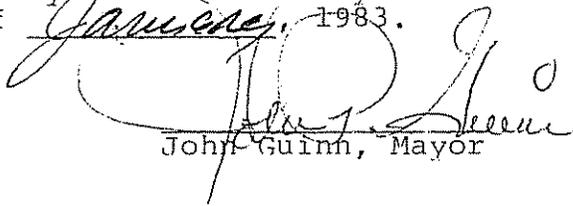
2. the Bethel City Council supports and endorses the supplemental appropriation of \$3.5 million of FY '83 Section 89 State Revenue Sharing for roads, health facilities-hospitals, and volunteer fire departments to fully fund the entitlement at the level authorized by state statutes; and
3. the State Legislature appropriate and the Governor approve the aforementioned supplemental appropriation by April 15, 1983, so that local governments can use the additional funding in setting their 1983 mill levies; and
4. copies of this resolution be delivered to Governor Sheffield and to all members of the Thirteenth Alaska Legislature.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Bethel City Council this

24<sup>th</sup>

day of

January, 1983.



John P. Guinn, Mayor