



CITY OF BETHEL

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GOVERNOR HICKEL'S SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE RESOLUTION # 698

WHEREAS, education has traditionally been held as a very high priority by the residents of the Delta Region, and

WHEREAS, the field of education is a very dynamic and ever changing challenge, and

WHEREAS, we have always been and are presently possessed of excellent teachers and educational administrators in the Delta Region, and

WHEREAS, like no other place in the State of Alaska is there a concentration of population, generally, and students, specifically, in our Delta Region, and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America, George Bush, has established the initiative in his American 2000 Excellence in Education Act last May, and

WHEREAS, our own Governor, Walter J. Hickel, has continued this emphasis on meeting the educational challenges of the next century and has expressed his support recently in his address before the AFN convention in Anchorage last October, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's support takes the form of creating an additional facility, A School of Excellence, which would improve upon the fine program currently offered at the Sitka facility, Mt. Edgecombe, and

WHEREAS, Mt. Edgecombe has a curriculum that looks at the unique position that Alaska and her residents occupy as a Pacific Rim country which drives them to offer foreign language instruction and other courses of high academic quality in order to prepare the students to assume greater responsibilities, and

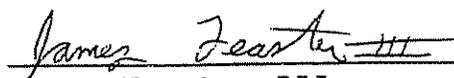
WHEREAS, the establishment of Governor Hickel's School of Excellence in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region would offer high quality academic experiences locally and keep our young people at home;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bethel City Council goes on record as supporting the concept of Governor Hickel's School of Excellence and requests that the Governor strongly consider Bethel as the site for the school.

ATTEST:



Jane Elam, City Clerk



James Feaster III
Mayor