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## CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

### Resolution #11-10

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE SET-ASIDE FUNDING IN THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, PACIFIC OCEAN DIVISION, CIVIL WORKS PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) is the central agency for the development of water-related infrastructure throughout the Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the ACOE, Pacific Ocean Division includes Alaska, Hawaii, and the Pacific Island Territories all of which have economies highly dependent upon port infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress suspended use of congressionally-directed spending and now only funds projects identified through a scoring system which favors urban ports; and

**WHEREAS**, the rural coastal communities of the Pacific Ocean Division do not have the population to compete with urban ports, yet are highly dependent on waterborne commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, there could be a mechanism within the Energy & Water appropriations bill to recognize the unique circumstances of coastal rural communities of the ACOE, Pacific Ocean Division; and

**WHEREAS**, projects in need of funding include breakwaters, wave barriers, dredging, mooring basins, and flood/erosion control; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Bethel City Council encourages Congress to amend the FY2012 Energy & Water appropriations bill and the FY 2013 President's Budget Request to include an annual \$50M set-aside that the ACOE, Pacific Ocean Division can prioritize and spend on projects necessary to sustain water infrastructure in small coastal communities of the region.

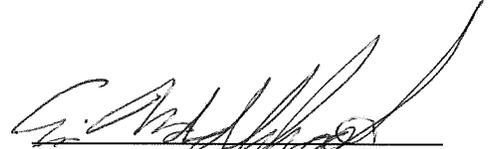
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**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2011, BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.**



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Eric Middlebrook, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Lori Strickler, City Clerk