CITY OF BETHEL

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Presented By: Council Member Miller
Date: April 9. 1996
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-Yes. 0-No

RESOLUTION #96-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA, SUPPORTING BETHEL BROADCASTING INCORPORATED, KYUK RADIO AND TELEVISION, AND THE ALASKA RURAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE.

WHEREAS, Bethel Broadcasting, through public radio and television station KYUK has provided an essential service to the people of Bethel and the entire Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta for 25 years, and

WHEREAS, the service provided by Bethel Broadcasting is now broadcast statewide via the Alaska Rural Communications Service, or ARCS; and

WHEREAS, the service to Bethel, the Y-K Delta, and now all of rural Alaska is of vital importance to the education, illumination, and entertainment of the residents thereof; and

WHEREAS, Bethel Broadcasting has been recognized scores of times by outside judges to be a shining beacon of news, information, and entertainment which has, and continues, to bring favorable notice upon the City of Bethel, and

WHEREAS, Bethel Broadcasting has worked for 25 years to help preserve the Yup'ik and Cup'ik cultures and languages indigenous to the Y-K Delta through recording and archiving of events and practices on both video and audio tape, and

WHEREAS, KYUK Radio, KYUK Television, The Alaska Rural Communications Service, and the video production department of Bethel Broadcasting are threatened with extinction by fatal cuts proposed by the urban-controlled Alaska State Legislature,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL Requests The Alaska State Legislature Reverse The Path To Destruction Of Rural Public Broadcasting And Reinstate Full And Continued Funding For Public Radio, Public Television, And The Alaska Rural Communications Service

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 1996

Ruth M. Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

L.J. Tanner, City Clerk