

Introduced by: City Council
Date: June 8, 1999
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #99-10

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TO OPEN A DIALOGUE WITH THE ALASKA CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION REGARDING THE NEED FOR AND LEGITIMATE USES OF CURFEW ORDINANCES IN ALASKA

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel has recently been contacted by the Alaska Civil Liberties Union ("ACLU") which requested the City of Bethel to repeal its curfew ordinance "and avoid protracted and costly litigation;" and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel is aware of at least one other community in Alaska which received similar correspondence from the ACLU; and

WHEREAS, curfew ordinances serve legitimate public policy goals of reducing the number of juvenile crime victims and perpetrators, and encouraging parents to be responsible for the whereabouts of their minor children; and

WHEREAS, certain curfew ordinances have been upheld by reviewing courts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel has recently amended its curfew ordinance;

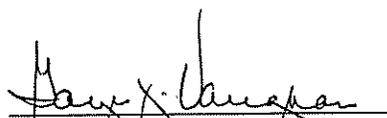
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bethel that the Board of Directors of the Alaska Municipal League ("AML"), on behalf of AML member communities in Alaska, is hereby requested to enter into a dialogue with the ACLU Board of Directors regarding the need for, and legitimate uses of, curfew ordinances, with the goal of discouraging the ACLU from instituting litigation thwarting enforcement of curfew ordinances, and encouraging the ACLU to work together with the AML and its member communities to reduce the number of juvenile crime perpetrators and victims throughout Alaska.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF JUNE 1999, by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.



Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gaye J. Vaughan, City Clerk

City of Bethel, Alaska