CITY OF BETHEL

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Presented By: Council Member Miller
Date: April 23. 1996
Action: Adopted
Vote 6-Yes. 0-No

RESOLUTION #96-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BETHEL, ALASKA, OPPOSING SENATE BILL 280, MANDATORY INCORPORATION OF THE UNORGANIZED BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 280 requires that regions identified in the Local Boundary Commission report, "Model Borough Boundaries," hold elections to decide whether to incorporate as a third-class borough; and

WHEREAS, those regions that elect not to incorporate as a borough will be taxed to generate an amount equal to the level required of organized boroughs (6 mills of full value, plus the costs of collection); and

WHEREAS, the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region currently experiences the highest level of poverty in the State of Alaska, and there is not enough taxable property in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta to support another level of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL OPPOSES SENATE BILL 280, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE UNORGANIZED BOROUGH, OR THE TAXATION OF THOSE REGIONS ELECTING NOT TO INCORPORATE AS A BOROUGH.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 1996.

Ruth M. Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

L.J. Tanner, City Clerk

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