CITY OF BETHEL
RESOLUTION #361

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA, SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COOPERATIVE SELF INSURANCE PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.

WHEREAS, in recent years court decisions and other factors have caused a dramatic increase in the number, variety and total amount of claims against municipalities; and

WHEREAS, this increase has resulted in high insurance costs and difficulty in securing adequate coverage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel, Alaska, expends approximately $22,902.00 annually in workmens compensation insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel, Alaska, expends approximately $161,942.00 annually in liability insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, the experience of other municipalities within Alaska and in other states indicates that substantial savings in the xost of insurance can be realized through partial self insurance and cooperation among municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League has indicated that a self insurance fund composed of Alaska local government entities is feasible and could be in operation on July 1, 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League in cooperation with the National Association of Counties has secured commitments from insurance brokers and carriers to provide comprehensive general liability and workmens compensation coverage at a savings of at least 15% over current premium payments; and

WHEREAS, it appears desirable to initiate such a program for at least one uear on a trial basis to ascertain whether or not the expected benefits can be realized;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bethel, Alaska, that:

1. The City of Bethel supports establishment of a cooperative self insurnace program to be administered through the Alaska Municipal League, and hereby expresses its intent to participate in such a program with respect to:
    a. Workmens Compensation coverage
    b. General and Automobile coverage
2. The City of Bethel urges the Alaska Municipal League to assemble the appropriate information, prepare the necessary documents and take other steps toward the establishment of such a cooperative self insurance program.
3. It is understood that this resolution is an expression of serious interest in such a program and a general willingness to participate therein, but that the municipality is not legally bound to do so by virtue of this resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF February, 1982.

John Guinn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wayne J. Majers, City Clerk