



CITY OF BETHEL

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Presented by: Council Member Miller
Date: March 28, 1995
Action: Passed
Vote: 5-Yes, 0-No

RESOLUTION #95-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE LOWER KUSKOKWIM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Lower Kuskokwim Economic Development Council (LKEDC) was formed in Bethel in January, 1992, to stimulate and facilitate regional economic development; and

WHEREAS, the LKEDC was formed as one of fourteen "grassroots" Alaska Regional Development Organizations (ARDOR), whose one staff member is overseen by a fifteen member board of directors composed of business people from around the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the LKEDC to encourage local development in a way which is responsive to local initiatives and priorities so that Alaskans' quality of life is enhanced and maintained in Bethel and throughout the Delta; and

WHEREAS, the LKEDC has received annual funding for its operating costs from the Alaska State Legislature, currently at \$60,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, a recent action taken by the Legislature's House Finance Committee would reduce the annual funds provided to ARDORs statewide by 25% (\$225,000) in FY 1996; and

WHEREAS, this action would substantially impair the operations and threaten the viability of the Lower Kuskokwim Economic Development Council in continuing to provide services to Bethel and 28 surrounding villages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council supports the efforts of the Lower Kuskokwim Economic Development Council to maintain its services to residents of Bethel and the Delta, and requests that the proposed funding cut by the Alaska Legislature be restored to the LKEDC in its entirety.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28TH DAY OF MARCH, 1995.


Allan Wintersteen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Connie Tucker, City Clerk