

Introduced by: Vice-Mayor Mary Kenick  
Date: May 23, 2006  
Action: Failed  
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Kenick)

## CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

### Resolution #06-18

#### A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE ALASKAN CITIZENS PETITION URGING LEGISLATION TO END THE USE OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IN ALASKA

- WHEREAS**, a group of Alaskans submitted a sponsor petition to the office of the lieutenant governor as the first step in an effort to end the use of daylight-saving time by citizen initiative;
- WHEREAS**, if approved by the lieutenant governor in the next several months, this will result in a statewide effort to obtain approximately 35,000 signatures during the next year;
- WHEREAS**, the initiative question to end the use of daylight-saving time in Alaska should appear on the ballot in the 2008 general election;
- WHEREAS**, Daylight Saving Time only "works" in the temperate zones where there is a modest change in day length during the year. On the equator the change of day length between winter and summer is only several minutes. This is why Hawaii opted out of Daylight Saving Time. In the extreme latitudes, where most of Alaska is located, Daylight Saving Time is a pointless exercise;
- WHEREAS**, the daylight hours in Alaska during the regular DST period are significantly longer than for the rest of the United States;
- WHEREAS**, other United States, states or holdings that do not currently observe DST are Arizona (with the exception of the Navajo Nation), Hawaii, Guam, Northern Marina Islands, U.S. Virgin Isles, American Samoa and Puerto Rico.
- WHEREAS**, a statewide poll, conducted across what appears to be a genuine representative sample of the Alaskan population, reveals that 58 percent wants to repeal the state's daylight saving legislation (Details of the poll appears on the "**Repeal Daylight Saving Time in Alaska**" website);
- WHEREAS**, On 7 April 2005, a bipartisan bill to exempt Alaska from daylight saving (the third in six years) passed the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee in the Alaska State Congress. However, according to **Repeal Daylight Saving Time in Alaska** website, the bill was later stalled in the Legislature. The **bill** was introduced and sponsored by four State representatives;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Bethel City Council agrees to support the Alaskan citizens' petition urging the Legislation to end the use of Daylight Savings Time in Alaska.

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R. Thor Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sandra Modigh, City Clerk