

Introduced by: Mayor Rodgers
Date: June 26, 2001
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #01-20

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ORUTSARARMUIT NATIVE COUNCIL'S (ONC) EFFORTS TO SECURE A GRANT FOR AN AIR QUALITY PROGRAM FOR THE BETHEL COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, The Bethel community continues to express concerns regarding the dust situation in and around Bethel and have come together to find solutions, and;

WHEREAS, All public entities in Bethel have some responsibility for environmental issues that face the community, and;

WHEREAS, According to experts, the dust has created a health hazard because the microscopic particles of dust are so fine that they are not caught by the hairs in the windpipe and, as a result, are passed through to the lungs contributing to respiratory illnesses, and;

WHEREAS, ONC seeks to initiate community education efforts with tribal members and local schools while implementing pollution prevention activities that promote compliance, and;

WHEREAS, As a long-term objective, ONC also desires to work closely with the local government and the local businesses to reduce the amount of solid waste material and sewage disposed in and around the City, and;

WHEREAS, Developing the capacity to manage an Air Quality Program will benefit the entire Bethel community and ONC wishes to develop such a program, and;

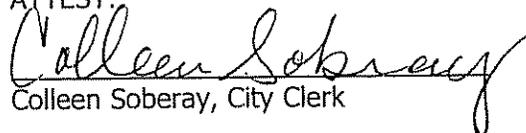
WHEREAS, The City of Bethel believes an Air Quality Monitoring Program in and around Bethel will help to identify health problems related to poor air quality, so that preventive measures may be implemented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, supports Orutsararmuit Native Council's (ONC) efforts to secure grant funds for an Air Quality Program for the Bethel community.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF JUNE 2001, by a unanimous voice vote.


Stanley "Tundy" Rodgers, Mayor

ATTEST:


Colleen Soberay, City Clerk