

Introduced by: Mayor Phillips
Date: June 8, 1999
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #99-11

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSERVATION AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 1999: H.R. 701 AND S. 25

- WHEREAS**, Congressman Young recently introduced H.R. 701, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999, which would direct about \$150 million annually in new federal dollars to local government and state agencies in Alaska for coastal impact assistance, outdoor recreation and wildlife conservation programs; and
- WHEREAS**, Senator Murkowski recently introduced similar legislation in the Senate, also called the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of S. 25; and
- WHEREAS**, these bills would provide major social, economic and environmental benefits to Alaskan communities; and
- WHEREAS**, municipal assistance and revenue sharing programs at the state level are declining, while the need for public services is dramatically increasing; and
- WHEREAS**, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act would help fill this critical funding gap; and
- WHEREAS**, communities in Alaska would be eligible for up to \$50 million a year in coastal impact assistance funding, which could be used to meet a broad range of local needs; and
- WHEREAS**, communities would also be eligible for outdoor recreation funds from the state-side of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which can be used to build facilities such as ball fields, trails, and picnic areas; and
- WHEREAS**, these facilities enhance the quality of life in Alaska for our kids and are part of a healthy lifestyle for Alaskan families; and
- WHEREAS**, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999 would also provide funding for wildlife conservation programs, ensuring that Alaska's wildlife remains abundant for subsistence, sport and commercial users; and
- WHEREAS**, healthy wildlife populations are important to sustaining Alaska's growing tourism industry, which provides jobs for many Alaskans;

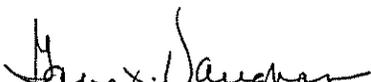
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, supports H.R. 701 and S. 25 and urges Senator Steven to join Congressman Young and Senator Murkowski in promoting this landmark legislation.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF JUNE 1999, by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.



Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gaye J. Vaughan, City Clerk