

Introduced by: Mayor Richard Robb  
Date: April 14, 2015  
Action: Passed  
Vote: 7-0

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Resolution # 15-06**

#### **A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF BETHEL COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 46 AND HOUSE BILL 101 ALLOWING REGIONAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS ACCESS TO THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL BOND BANK**

**WHEREAS**, Alaska Municipal Bond Bank is a public corporation of the State of Alaska established to aid Alaska municipalities in financing capital improvement projects;

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 46 and House Bill 101 would allow Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) access to \$250 million from the Bond Bank;

**WHEREAS**, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation would use these funds to finance new 130,000 square foot primary care clinic and hospital expansion under the IHS-Joint Venture Construction Program;

**WHEREAS**, This program and consequence operations will not cost the State Of Alaska anything;

**WHEREAS**, This expansion would greatly improve medical and health services to the people of Bethel and the YK Delta;

**WHEREAS**, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation is the primary health care facility for Bethel and the people of the region. Services include Inpatient hospital, Primary Health Care, Dental, Optometry, Physical Therapy, Behavioral Health Services, Emergency Room, Diabetes Prevention, Long Term Care Facility, Obstetrics and Delivery, Pre-Maternal Home, and other health services;

**WHEREAS**, There is established need for improved health services for Bethel and the YK Delta;

**WHEREAS**, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation is the largest employer in Bethel;

**WHEREAS**, This project would have a positive economic impact to Bethel and the YK Region;

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**WHEREAS,** This project will add over 100 construction jobs for over 5 years;

**WHEREAS,** This project will add 250 permanent new positions in Bethel and increase of revenue of over \$30 million annually;

**WHEREAS,** These new positions and operations will be federally funded;

**WHEREAS,** All Medicaid expenditures for Alaska Native Beneficiaries seen at YKHC are 100% federally funded, not costing the State any money;

**WHEREAS,** Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation is a well established company in existence since 1969, with reliable revenue streams of over \$150 million annually. This establishes a very good risk for the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank;

**WHEREAS,** This project was ranked 1<sup>st</sup> over 37 other national applicants for the 2014 HIS-Joint Venture Program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Bethel Supports Senate Bill 46 and House Bill 101 to allow Regional Health Corporations access to the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank.

**ENACTED THIS 14 DAY OF APRIL, 2015 BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.**

ATTEST:

  
Lori Stickler, City Clerk



Richard Robb, Mayor