

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution 11-34

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE BY-PASS MAIL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, in 1985 the US Congress established goals for what is known as the United States Postal By-Pass Mail Service, providing rural Alaska with mail service;

WHEREAS, the Alaska By-Pass Mail System contributes to the viability of urban and rural Alaska's economy, mail service and interstate air transportation;

WHEREAS, 75% of Alaska's communities and over 85,000 residents have no connecting roads or ferry transportation system;

WHEREAS, the vast majority of food items and everyday necessities destined for Alaska's isolated communities and populations can only be delivered by air transportation;

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service has indicated that Alaska's By-Pass Mail Service goes beyond the Postal Service mission of providing universal service and that USPS is obligated with responsibilities directed under the By-Pass Mail Act;

WHEREAS, revisions and closures of postal hubs will have unintended consequences of negatively impacting commerce, health care service, education and will shift costs of these impacts to local, state, federal and private entities;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the USPS, residents of Alaska and the nation to ensure the Intra-Alaska By-Pass Mail System remains strong, viable and affordable for the United States Postal System;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council will join with postal workers, and community allies in a campaign to stop the revision and slow demise of By-Pass Mail; that the council members will request that Alaska Congressional Delegation support the stability of our United States Postal Service and the By-Pass Mail System.

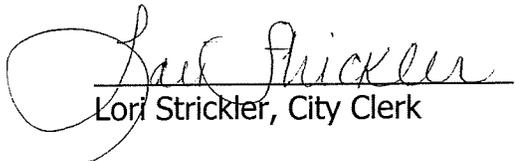
Introduced by: Council Member
Harding
Introduction Date: November 22, 2011
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-0

**ENACTED THIS 22 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2011, BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND
0 OPPOSED.**

ATTEST:



Joseph Klejka, Mayor



Lori Strickter, City Clerk