Introduced by: Mayor Joseph Klejka
Date March 27, 2012
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #12-07

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2012 CAMA-I DANCE FESTIVAL BY PROVIDING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF SALES TAXES COLLECTED ON ADMISSIONS SOLD TO ATTEND THE FESTIVAL

WHEREAS, the Cama-i Dance Festival is a celebration of culture and dance;

WHEREAS, more than 20 dance groups and more than 400 dancers, drummers and singers between the ages of 2 and 92 will celebrate the Yup'ik Eskimo tradition of dance;

WHEREAS, Cama-i promotes cultural diversity as Native Alaskan, Native American and international groups share in the common language of dance;

WHEREAS, Cama-i also provides for additional activities during the festival such as a Miss and Mr. Cama-i contest, native foods dinner for everyone, a quilt show and arts and crafts sales;

WHEREAS, through dance, song and crafts, the traditions of Alaskan Native tribes are communicated to hundreds of people during the three-day festival;

WHEREAS, the Cama-i Dance Festival promotes positive activities in the Bethel community and generates positive statewide publicity for the City of Bethel while bringing many visitors to the Bethel community;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel recognizes the significance of the Cama-i Dance Festival and supports the dancers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, supports the Cama-i Festival and will donate an amount equal to the amount of sales taxes collected on the admissions sold to attend the 2012 Cama-i Dance Festival.

Be it further resolved that the Cama-i organizers would first file a tax return on the event and remit the sales tax to the City. The City would then make a donation equal to the amount of sales tax collected on admissions.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF MARCH 2012, BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 IN OPPOSITION.

Joseph A. Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk