

Introduced by: Council Member Hoffman
Date: January 26, 2016
Action: Passed
Vote: 7-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #16-03

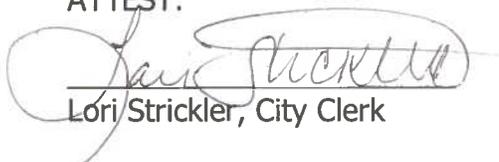
A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE FUNDING OF COMMUNITY REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM

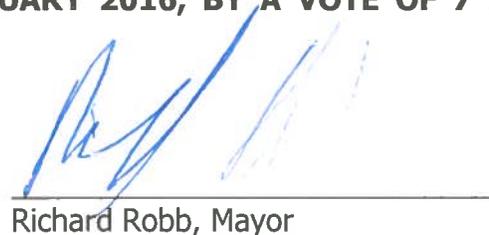
- WHEREAS,** the sharing of State revenues corresponds with the Owner State concept, whereby natural resources owned by the State belong to all Alaskan residents and should be routinely shared;
- WHEREAS,** the Community Revenue Sharing Program is used to distribute a portion of State revenues as a way to share its wealth with residence statewide;
- WHEREAS,** the Community Revenue Sharing Program is an essential source of revenue for Alaska's communities, both large and small;
- WHEREAS,** the City of Bethel received \$394,937 in Community Revenue Sharing contributions in FY2015;
- WHEREAS,** defunding or reducing the Community Revenue Sharing Program will have a significant negative effect on the City's ability to provide essential services, potentially forcing the City to eliminate critical positions, reduce essential services to help make up for the economic hardship;
- WHEREAS,** the citizens of Bethel currently pay 6% in sales tax, one of the highest sales tax rates in Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Bethel supports the continued funding for the Community Revenue Sharing program.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26 DAY OF JANUARY 2016, BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Richard Robb, Mayor