Introduced by: Peter Williams, City Manager
Date: April 10, 2018
Action: Passed
Vote: 5-0

CITY OF BETHEL

Resolution # 18-09

SUPPORT FOR SFY 2018 COMMUNITY REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM FUNDING

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 with residents 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 $160,089~~ is scheduled to receive $373,949 for FY 16 and FY 17 $247,489 in Community Revenue Sharing contributions ~~in FY 2016~~;

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 taxes, one of the highest sales tax rates in Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council supports continued funding of municipalities through the Community Revenue Sharing Program.

ENACTED THIS 10th DAY OF APRIL 2018 BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk

Richard Robb, Mayor