

Introduced by: Mayor Robb
Date: September 26, 2017
Action: Passed
Vote: 5-1

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA


Resolution # 17-17

A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATE SALES TAX

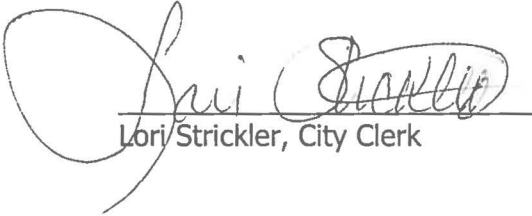
- WHEREAS,** the City of Bethel recognizes the State of Alaska is in a severe financial crisis and long term solutions are needed;
- WHEREAS,** there is a need for reduced spending and increased revenue by the State of Alaska
- WHEREAS,** some proposals call for state sales tax;
- WHEREAS,** the Governor may call for a special session in October to focus on new revenue;
- WHEREAS,** the legislature will reconvene in January, and may look at new revenue;
- WHEREAS,** the City of Bethel relies primarily on a local sales tax;
- WHEREAS,** an additional state sales tax would be an enormous burden upon the people of Bethel and our region;
- WHEREAS,** an additional state sales tax would inhibit the ability of Bethel to raise needed revenue for local services;
- WHEREAS,** 110 of 164 municipalities in Alaska levy a sales tax;
- WHEREAS,** an additional state sales tax would inhibit the ability of many other municipalities from the ability to raise needed revenue for local services. Many of these municipalities are small cities in rural areas;
- WHEREAS,** there are other revenue proposals that may have less negative impact on our community, region, and our local government
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the City of Bethel opposes a new state sale and use tax.

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**ENACTED THIS 26 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2017 BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND
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Richard Robb, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk