

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

CITY OF BETHEL

Resolution # 18-10

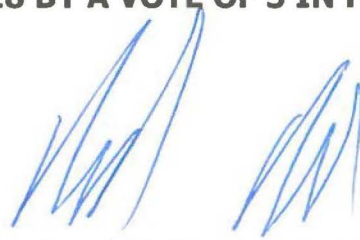
SUPPORT FOR SFY 2019 COMMUNITY REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM FUNDING

- 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 \$247,489 for FY 2017 and \$229,695 for FY 2018 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