

EVANSVILLE TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 2017-09-02

Opposing the Proposed Road to the Ambler Mining District

WHEREAS, the Evansville Tribal Council is the governing body of the village of Evansville, Alaska a federally recognized Native Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Evansville Tribal Council is empowered to negotiate with Federal, State, and local governments, and others on behalf of the Tribe, to advise and consult with the representatives of the Departments of federal agencies on all activities that may affect the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, we have an interest in the preservation of our land, cultures, and peoples; and

WHEREAS, since time immemorial, our people have subsisted in our region and have depended on healthy land, healthy water, and healthy fish and wildlife resources to support our subsistence way of life, we have been successful stewards of this arctic environment and these subsistence resources for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, multiple mining companies are staking claims in the Ambler mining district that endangers our inherent, human right to subsistence resources sustaining our way of life and culture now and to continue for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska seeks to build a private industrial road to the Ambler mining district; the State of Alaska's position has been one of designating private resource roads, once private use ends the roads become public roads; most notably the Dalton Highway; and

WHEREAS, the mining companies propose extraction of sulfide minerals, that will create acid resulting in toxic heavy metals polluting our lands and waters; and

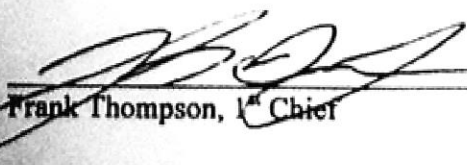
WHEREAS, our elders have held steadfast against road development for multiple generations, asserting their inherent rights to sustained subsistence a fundamental part to our way of life;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Evansville Tribal Council does hereby oppose the construction of a road to the Ambler Mining District;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we shall seek to educate not only our tribal citizens but all citizens as to our collective fiduciary trust responsibility to all future generations to protect our natural resources, our environment, our subsistence resources, and our way of life.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was passed unanimously by the Evansville Tribal Council at which time a quorum was present.

  
Frank Thompson, 1<sup>st</sup> Chief

10/11/17  
Date