

KOYUKUK NATIVE VILLAGE

**P.O. BOX 109
KOYUKUK, AK 99754**

Resolution No. 2017-24

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE BUILDING OF A YEAR-ROUND ROAD TO
ACCESS THE AMBLER MINING DISTRICT AND KOBUK MINERAL BELT USING
THE BROOKS EAST CORRIDOR STARTING AT PROSECT CREEK.**

WHEREAS, the Koyukuk Native Village, hereinafter the Koyukuk Tribal Council, is the governing body of the federally recognized Koyukuk Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the village of Koyukuk believes in the preservation of our land, cultures, and peoples; and

WHEREAS, the sulfide minerals will create acid that will result in toxic heavy metals polluting our lands and waters; and

WHEREAS, road access to the Ambler Mining District and Kobuk Mineral Belt and the subsequent development of mines in that area could prove to be an environmental and cultural loss that can never be regained.

WHEREAS, building the road will also require using asbestos-laden soil, which also affects the health of our subsistence resources and our health because it is our food, water, and air; and

WHEREAS, the road will detrimentally impact water quality, caribou, sheefish, and other resources that we need for our very own survival; and

WHEREAS, keeping the land base free of encumbrances and trespass from outside interests is essential to preserving the integrity of said land base; and

WHEREAS, history has shown that public roads in remote areas lead to trespass on private lands with little to no protection for private landowners; and

WHEREAS, history has shown that public roads in rural, wilderness areas generate pressure on subsistence resources critical to subsistence economy; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Koyukuk Tribal Council, by this resolution, hereby declare our wholehearted opposition to the building of a year-round road using the Brooks Range East Corridor from Prospect Creek to access the Ambler Mining District and Kobuk Mineral Belt.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the Koyukuk Tribal Council, federally recognized as Koyukuk Native Village, adopted this resolution at a meeting held on this ___ day of _____, 2017 at Koyukuk, AK and a quorum was duly established. This resolution was passed by a vote of _____ ayes, _____ nays, and _____ abstain.

Leo Lolnitz, 1st Chief

Date

Josie Dayton, Sec/Treasurer

Date