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Resolution 2014- 18

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 PROSPECT CREEK

WHEREAS, The Rampart Village Council is the governing body of the federally recognized Rampart, Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, The Village of Rampart Village Council has gone on public record opposing a State or private highway between Prospect and the Ambler Mining District and Kobuk Mineral Belt on a route through the City of Bettles from the State road system; and,

WHEREAS, The Village of Rampart, Alaska desires economic development in keeping with the chosen subsistence lifestyle of its residents and the current economy of living off the land, which a road system access and presence of a mining road would grievously harm; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed road has been handed over from the State of Alaska to AIDEA and is no longer being considered a public road but a privately owned limited use industrial mining road which in itself is not a good thing the land and watershed; and,

WHEREAS, The present ice-road between Prospect and Bettles, Alaska and the winter trail Bettles, AK and Allakaket, AK is only open for a short period during the winter, and is thereby more in keeping with the economy and lifestyle of a remote bush village whose economy is based in large part on remote Alaska subsistence living; and,

WHEREAS, Federal, State and local governments, as well as local residents and businesses will not benefit from the mining traffic that a private industrial mining road will bring; and,

WHEREAS, The Brooks Range East Corridor option is being examined for constructing and maintaining overland access to the Ambler Mining District and Kobuk Mineral Belt because it is the least expensive route and there are six other routes under consideration that should be used instead; and,

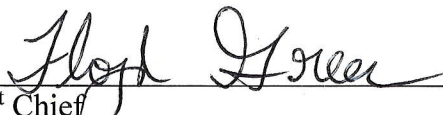
WHEREAS, Road access to the Ambler Mining District and Kobuk Mineral Belt and the subsequent development of mines in that area could prove to be an environmental and cultural loss that can never be regained; and,

WHEREAS, The impacts of a 220 mile road on subsistence, caribou migration, and the environment have not been adequately addressed by the State of Alaska, DOT, AIDEA or NOVA Copper; and,

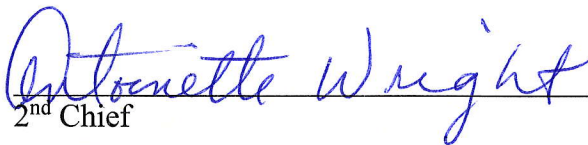
WHEREAS, Significant concerns in opposition to building this road have not been adequately addressed by the State of Alaska, DOT, AIDEA or NOVA Copper.

NOW THERE BE IF RESOLVED, That the Rampart Village 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.

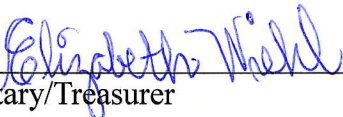
PASSED and APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Rampart Village Council of Rampart, Alaska on this day of 07/21/14



1st Chief




2nd Chief



Secretary/Treasurer



Council Member



Council Member