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Resolution #18-01

A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE PROPOSED ROAD TO AMBLER MINING DISTRICT

WHEREAS: The City of Ambler is a recognized second-class city; and

WHEREAS: The City of Ambler is empowered to negotiate with Federal, State, and local governments, and others on behalf of the City of Ambler to advise and consult with the representatives of the Department of federal agencies on all activities that may affect the City of Ambler; 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; and

WHEREAS, we have an inherent, human right to that subsistence; and

WHEREAS, we have been successful stewards of this environment and these subsistence resources for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, we have a trust responsibility to the generations that will follow us; and

WHEREAS, our elders have taught us to think beyond the present and measure the effects into the future, to future generations; and

WHEREAS, our subsistence resources guarantee our way of life and culture will continue for future generations; and

WHEREAS, multiple mining companies are staking claims in the Ambler mining district, and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska seeks to build a private industrial road to the Ambler mining district; and

WHEREAS, mining for mere financial gain poses new threats to the survival of our subsistence resources and our people themselves; and

WHEREAS, those mining companies are exploring for sulfide minerals, which will create acid that will result in toxic heavy metals polluting our lands and waters; and

WHEREAS, building the road may also require using asbestos-laden soil, which could affect our health and the health of our subsistence resources; and

WHEREAS, the road and mine will detrimentally impact water quality, caribou, sheefish, and other subsistence resources that we depend on for our very survival; and

WHEREAS, our elders have held steadfast against this road development for multiple generations, asserting their inherent rights to subsistence and our way of life;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMBLER ALASKA; hereby oppose the road to the Ambler Mining District;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMBLER, ALASKA; Calls upon all those with trust responsibilities to our native peoples to stand with us in opposing this project;

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.

ADOPTED by duly constituted quorum of the City Council of Ambler, Alaska, this 30th day of January 2018.



Mayor Morgan Johnson

01-31-2018
Date



Attest: City Clerk, Pauline K. Cleveland

1-31-18
Date