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REQUESTED BY: COUNCILMAN
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RESOLUTION NO. WR93-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA IN SUPPORT OF THE TOM WILLIAMS REINDEER FARM.

WHEREAS, the Williams Reindeer Farm near Palmer is an important tourist attraction, hosting over 10,000 people in 1992; and

WHEREAS, tourism is one of the major industries in the Wasilla area; and

WHEREAS, the Williams family run a good, clean operation which stresses humane treatment of the animals; and

WHEREAS, this is the only farm where the majority of the school children in the State can visit to learn more about the native culture of reindeer herding; and

WHEREAS, the Williams farm has an economic impact on local merchants through their purchase of feed, hay, and other supplies that are good for the business; as well as hiring both native and non-native workers; and

WHEREAS, the recent Bureau of Indian Affairs ruling that non-native Alaskans may not own imported reindeer appears questionable and discriminatory; and

WHEREAS, we believe that all citizens should have equal employment opportunities regardless of race, and find that any law that restricts a person's ability to be employed solely because of his race to be repugnant; and

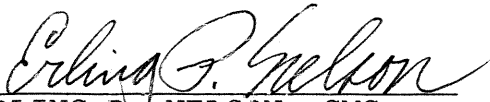
WHEREAS, the differences between the Williams farm operation and other reindeer herders statewide do not pose any serious conflicts;


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Wasilla strongly supports the continued operation by the Tom William family of the reindeer farm near Palmer, Alaska.

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the governing body of the City of Wasilla this 11th day of January, 1993.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


ERLING P. NELSON, CMC
City Clerk


JOHN C. STEIN, Mayor

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