

## **1993 Village Participation Conference**

### **Resolution No. 93-17**

#### **Entitled: Promotion of Safe Water and Adequate Sewage Disposal**

WHEREAS, the quality of drinking water and the means of disposing of human sewage in dozens of Alaska communities remains on par with the developing world and is more primitive than anywhere in America; and

WHEREAS, the human sewage which leaked from underground pits in Kotlik sparked an epidemic of viral meningitis showing what happens in an Alaskan village that lacks modern water and sewage facilities such as wells which provide a majority of the village's drinking water sometimes fail to operate safely as in the case where one man died in Hooper Bay of fluoride poisoning in the spring of 1992; and

WHEREAS, the most common infectious diseases that could be linked to the lack of clean water sources or poor sewage disposal are viral Hepatitis types A and B and both viral and bacterial meningitis; and

WHEREAS, even though more than \$1.3 billion has been spent during the past 20 years on water and sewer systems in Alaska, there still remain many villages that have not received assistance to solve their water and sewer needs.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that if the State of Alaska continues to ignore this problem we urge the Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RURAL CAP) to contact the national news media to document the Third World conditions that exist in one of the richest states in America.

ADOPTED this 26th day of February, 1993 by the Village Participation Conference in Juneau, Alaska.

/s/ Dewey Skan, Chairman  
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In Memoriam

**ROSS CARSWELL**

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