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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1806

A Resolution Encouraging Lessees of North Slope Natural Gas Reserves to Reach a Gas Marketing Agreement, Expressing Support by The City and Borough of Juneau for an Alaska North Slope Gas Transmission Pipeline, and Requesting the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Alaska to Support and Expedite Construction of Such Pipeline.

WHEREAS, Alaska has 26 trillion cubic feet of proven natural gas reserves in the Prudhoe Bay and associated North Slope oil and gas fields and even more in potential natural gas reserves, and

WHEREAS, by the end of this century, there will be a significant and increasing gap between supply and demand for natural gas in developing countries in the Pacific Rim, and

WHEREAS, market and economic studies indicate favorable conditions for the sale of North Slope gas to these Pacific Rim markets, and

WHEREAS, the sale of Alaska gas to Pacific Rim markets will improve the nation's balance of trade, and

WHEREAS, the design, sourcing, and construction of a gas transmission line connecting the North Slope to southern markets will infuse substantial funds into economies throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, the construction of such a pipeline would provide thousands of temporary construction jobs and hundreds of permanent private sector jobs in Alaska, and

WHEREAS, income to the State of Alaska from gas sales, which would help fill the state fiscal gap, and

WHEREAS, a gas pipeline across Alaska would provide energy along the pipeline route and encourage development that would increase local employment and local tax revenue, and

WHEREAS, the 1996 policy statement of the Alaska Municipal League states that some Asian buyers have issued letters of intent to purchase Alaska North Slope liquefied natural gas, that others could do so upon receipt of certain commitments from sellers, and that Alaska should take advantage of this window of opportunity before it closes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau supports efforts by North Slope natural gas lessees to establish satisfactory contractual relationships for transportation and sale of Alaska North Slope gas to Pacific Rim purchasers as soon as possible.

Section 2. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau respectfully requests the President of the United States to demonstrate national support for an Alaska North Slope gas transmission project.

Section 3. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau respectfully requests that the Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor of the State of Alaska:

(1) assure Asian buyers of Alaska North Slope liquefied natural gas that the state appreciates the value of continuity and stability in the supply and pricing of North Slope natural gas;

(2) continue support of the Joint Pipeline Office and its efforts to administer an innovative, efficient, and cost-effective permitting system; and

(3) meet with all parties to determine how the state can help facilitate the Alaska North Slope gas transmission pipeline.

Section 4. That the Assembly offers its assistance to the parties involved in order to speed completion of an Alaska North Slope gas transmission project.

Section 5. That the Clerk shall distribute copies of this resolution to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States; the Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor of the State of Alaska; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators; the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative; the Honorable Jim Duncan, State Senator; and the Honorable Kim Elton and the Honorable Caren Robinson, State Representatives.

Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 4th day of March, 1996.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk