



ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES, INC.

2012 AFN CONVENTION

RESOLUTION 12-12

- TITLE: URGING THE STATE OF ALASKA TO ENGAGE IN EXAMINING THE FEASIBILITY OF THE ALL ALASKA ENERGY PROJECT AND TO COMMIT STATE RESOURCES TO DEVELOPING THIS PROJECT TO FREE ALL ALASKANS FROM THE CRIPPLING BURDEN OF EXPENSIVE ENERGY
- WHEREAS: Rural Alaska is suffering from crippling energy costs compounded by unaffordable costs of living and air transportation; and
- WHEREAS: Alaska industry is stifled from unavailability of affordable energy; and
- WHEREAS: Alaskan refineries are unable to produce affordable petroleum fuels because their cost of energy is uncompetitive; and
- WHEREAS: Urban Alaska is facing prospects of relying on imported gas to meet their electric and heating needs; and
- WHEREAS: The Alaskan economy is languishing because well-paying jobs processing raw materials such as fish and extracted metals from Alaska are going to the Lower 48 or other countries where processing energy is cheaper; and
- WHEREAS: The prospect of reduced costs in the foreseeable future is very bleak as none of the large energy projects on the drawing board appear to offer broad based relief; and
- WHEREAS: AVEC and Marsh Creek LLC have proposed a project that would harness stranded north slope gas to generate extremely inexpensive, highly efficient power and deliver it across the state to serve all constituencies of Alaska; and
- WHEREAS: Such a project could promote large scale industrial projects and value added processing of Alaska's precious natural resources and could forever relieve Alaskans from the burden of unaffordable energy. It would create thousands of jobs for Alaskans and could make the difference between barely surviving and thriving; and
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Delegates to the 2012 Annual Convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives hereby strongly urge the State of Alaska to engage in examining the feasibility of the All Alaska Energy Project and to commit state

resources to developing this project to free all Alaskans from the crippling burden of expensive energy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Delegates that the State of Alaska is urged to immediately begin the task of interconnecting Alaskan communities regionally so that they immediately begin to benefit from the economies of scale possible from the aggregation of electrical loads and so that these regional grids are able to immediately receive North Slope power when the backbone grid is constructed.

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES

CONVENTION ACTION: PASSED

