

**NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 19-2008**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PROACTIVE
POLICY OPPOSING OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION
AND DEVELOPMENT OFF THE COAST OF THE
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH AND THE NORTH
SLOPE BOROUGH AND SUPPORTING ACTIONS TO
ASSURE RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT.**

WHEREAS, the peoples of the North Slope Borough and the Northwest Arctic Borough use and rely on the subsistence resources that inhabit the Arctic waters off their coastlines; and

WHEREAS, these subsistence foods and resources are essential to the Iñupiat's way of life and reduce the health impacts of the Western diet and way of life; and

WHEREAS, the marine environment in the Arctic is delicate and subject to severe disruption and harm from poorly planned and managed oil and gas exploration and development; and

WHEREAS, the developers do not have traditional knowledge to help manage their exploration and development in a responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons the North Slope Borough and the Northwest Arctic Borough oppose resource development off their coastlines, but recognize that the federal government will make the final decision on resource development in the OCS; and

WHEREAS, the boroughs are jointly committed to be proactive when it comes to responsible resource development; and

WHEREAS, Iñupiat Ilitqusait, the Iñupiat Values, are the best foundation for successful resource development; and

WHEREAS, the boroughs insist on proper planning, gathering of baseline data, filling of data gaps, monitoring, and implementation of these studies to develop appropriate mitigation of impacts to subsistence resources, subsistence hunting, and to the health of their residents prior to and during resource exploration and development; and

WHEREAS, the federal agencies and the developers must meet with the communities of the boroughs to inform them of the plans of exploration and development, and to work with them to assess impacts and develop mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, the federal agencies and the developers must work in good faith with subsistence hunters to mitigate any impacts to subsistence resources and to the hunters' access to those resources that result from exploration and development of oil and gas; and

WHEREAS, the boroughs' residents must be given the opportunity to be trained and employed by the developers and their contractors for jobs related to oil and gas development; and

WHEREAS, the developers must provide capacity-building funds to help the boroughs and their communities deal with the impacts of oil and gas exploration and development; and

WHEREAS, the developers should locate support facilities onshore so those facilities will increase the tax base for the boroughs, which will help support training, and infrastructure, and reduce costs of healthcare, schools, transportation, utilities, and housing; and

WHEREAS, the boroughs will lobby the federal government to amend its coastal impact legislation so that it provides revenues to them and their coastal communities, which will help the boroughs and their communities build the capacity necessary to address some of the impacts from OCS exploration and development; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Arctic Borough has already approved a similar resolution to this one;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Slope Borough, with the Northwest Arctic Borough, hereby establishes a proactive policy to carry out the actions set out above.

INTRODUCED: June 3, 2008

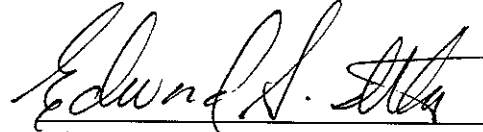
ADOPTED: June 3, 2008

C. Eugene Brower
C. Eugene Brower, President
Date: 06/03/08

ATTEST:
Shelagh H. Burke

Sheila H. Burke, Borough Clerk

Date: 6-3-2008



Edward S. Itta, NSB Mayor

Date: June 3, 2008