NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 19-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
TO PURSUE A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE 2019 HIGH ENERGY COST
GRANT FOR SOLAR POWER AND BATTERIES
FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF SHUNGNAK
AND KOBUK, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly is the
governing body of the Northwest Arctic Borough; and

WHEREAS: the Borough is a home rule regional government
providing essential programs and services to improve the quality of
life for all residents in the 11 communities within our boundaries,
including Shungnak and Kobuk; and

WHEREAS: the Borough has supported all its communities
in reducing the extremely high cost of electricity and other energy
sources through energy efficiency programs, energy planning, and
renewable energy projects that have included use of solar panels and
wind turbines; and

WHEREAS: the communities of Shungnak and Kobuk are
inter-connected to an isolated, stand-alone diesel electric generation
and distribution system that currently results in residential electric
rates of over $0.60/kWh; and

WHEREAS: to help address the extremely high cost of
energy, the communities of Shungnak and Kobuk have requested that
the Borough submit an application to the U.S. Department of
Agriculture’s High Energy Cost Grant Program for 2019 in an
amount up to $1.5 million to develop a high penetration solar-battery
hybrid system to connect to their stand-alone diesel powerplant and
distribution system;

WHEREAS: there is no local match requirement for this
grant; and

WHEREAS: if awarded a grant, the communities will directly
benefit through sustainable, lower-cost energy.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approves the Borough’s application for the U.S. Department of Agriculture 2019 High Energy Cost Grant Program on behalf of the communities of Shungnak and Kobuk, and supports the Borough’s provision of necessary administrative and grant management support if the funding request is awarded.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2019.

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Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2019.

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Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2019.

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Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

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