

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 20-13**

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY TO PURSUE A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 2020 HIGH ENERGY COST GRANT FOR SOLAR POWER AND BATTERIES FOR THE COMMUNITY OF NOATAK, 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 Noatak; and

WHEREAS: the community of Noatak is almost completely dependent on diesel-based electricity generation with an extremely high costs for electricity (81 cents/kWh); and

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough/NANA region has successfully demonstrated solar photovoltaic (PV) projects in all 11 communities; and

WHEREAS: to help address the extremely high cost of energy, the community of Noatak has requested that the Borough support an application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's High Energy Cost Grant Program for 2020 in an amount up to \$3 million to develop a high penetration solar-battery system to connect to their stand-alone diesel powerplant and distribution system; and

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

WHEREAS: if awarded, Noatak will directly benefit through sustainable, lower-cost energy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approves the Borough's application for a 2020 U.S. Department of Agriculture High Energy Cost Grant Program on behalf of the community of Noatak, and supports the Borough's provision of necessary administrative and grant management support if the funding request is awarded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF APRIL 2020.

Nathan Hadley, Jr. Vice Pres.

Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF APRIL 2020.

Lucy S. Nelson

Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 27th DAY OF APRIL 2020.

Stella Atoruk

Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

