

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 16-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH
RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUBSISTENCE
MAPPING PROJECT AND ATLAS**

WHEREAS: In 2011 the Northwest Arctic Borough began conducting scientific research through the Planning Department with the Subsistence Mapping Project (the “Project”) or **Iñuunialiqput Iļilugu Nunaņņuanun** (*Documenting Our Way of Life with Mapping*), and

WHEREAS: The Project documented the region’s subsistence way of life by documenting traditional hunting and gathering areas, as well as, ecologically sensitive areas in seven of the region's coastal communities; Kivalina, Noatak, Selawik, Noorvik, Deering, Buckland, and Kotzebue, and

WHEREAS: The Project also documented local Iñupiaq place names, and

WHEREAS: The Borough developed the project relying heavily on local and traditional knowledge conducting 231 individual interviews with local residents who are recognized subsistence users in their communities, and

WHEREAS: The maps were made using information collected from individual interviews, meeting with village based advisory groups, and through analysis of peer-reviewed publications and scientific reports, and

WHEREAS: The information gathered from this project will help the Borough as they try to balance food security, resource development, and a rapidly changing environment, and

WHEREAS: The project produced a 600-page atlas documenting subsistence-use areas (where people hunt, fish, and gather by season), important ecological areas (places where animals feed, breed, raise young, and migrate) and Iñupiaq place names, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Northwest Arctic Borough recognizes the importance of the work of the Subsistence Mapping Project and the final atlas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY 2016.



Carl Weisner, Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY 2016.



Clement Richards, Sr., Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY 2016.



Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

