NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY  
RESOLUTION 18-01  

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND HIS ADMINISTRATION TO PURSUE COST-EFFECTIVE METHODS OF LOWERING OPERATING, MAINTENANCE, AND CONSUMER COSTS RELATED TO ENERGY AND WATER/SEWER SYSTEMS IN COORDINATION WITH REGIONAL PARTNERS, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS: many Borough village residents enjoy the convenience of having electricity, clean water, and sewer available to their homes; and

WHEREAS: there has been a concerted effort to help reduce the cost of energy by utilizing alternative energy methods, which indicate positive impacts based on data and household consumption records; and

WHEREAS: while reducing the cost of energy continues to be a high priority, there is a very troubling indication based on data collected that operating and maintenance costs for water and sewer services are exceptionally high, which are causing an alarming increase in delinquencies, disconnects, and freeze-ups; and

WHEREAS: a sense of urgency must be created to generate a broad awareness of this potential disaster and to prompt a genuine collective and regional effort to prevent a major crisis from occurring on a Borough-wide scale; and

WHEREAS: The life, health, and safety of all Borough residents is of the utmost importance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly calls to action all appropriate local, regional, and statewide entities to collectively come together in collaboration, in cooperation, and in partnerships to prevent a potential village utilities disaster; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Northwest Arctic Borough agrees to lead a coordinated effort while it is understood that additional monetary resources from multiple sources will be necessary to help carry out this initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly strongly believes that there exists a sense of urgency on this matter, and encourages all affected parties to present a plan of action for Assembly review.
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 30th DAY OF JANUARY 2018.

Carl Weisner, Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 30th DAY OF JANUARY 2018.

Clement Richards, Sr., Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 30th DAY OF JANUARY 2018.

Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk