

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 21-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH  
ASSEMBLY TO PURSUE A U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY GRANT  
WITH THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF  
NOATAK TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR A  
SOLAR/BATTERY PROJECT, AND FOR  
RELATED PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS:** the Native Village of Noatak Tribal Council (“NVNTC”) is a federally recognized Tribe and the governing body of the community of Noatak, Alaska; and

**WHEREAS:** the Northwest Arctic Borough desires to help improve the quality of life and improve the infrastructure for the residents of the community of Noatak; and

**WHEREAS:** Noatak’s electricity needs are currently met exclusively by diesel generation provided by the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative; and

**WHEREAS:** the Northwest Arctic Borough desires to work with NVNTC to develop a community solar photovoltaic (“PV”) array and battery energy storage to supplement the existing diesel electric system (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS:** solar PV technology and battery energy storage have been proven effective in other communities in the region and around the world; and

**WHEREAS:** the NVNTC is a member of the Northwest Arctic Energy Steering Committee; and

**WHEREAS:** NVNTC is eligible to apply for U.S. Department of Energy – Office of Indian Energy (DOE-OIE) Funding Opportunity Announcement Number DE-FOA-0002317, “Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands” as a member of a Tribal Energy Development Organization (“TEDO”); and

**WHEREAS:** NVNTC, with support from the NANA Regional Corporation, submitted a letter and application for reduced cost share to 10% of non-federal funds to DOE-OIE for a solar PV and battery storage project and DOE-OIE approved the request; and

**WHEREAS:** on January 12, 2021, NVNTC passed Resolution 21-02 "Resolution Of The Native Village Of Noatak Tribal Council To Establish Tribal Energy Development Organization With The Northwest Arctic Borough To Pursue U.S. Department Of Energy Office Of Indian Energy Funding Opportunity Announcement Number DE-FOA-0002317, 'Energy-technology Deployment On Tribal Lands'"; and


**WHEREAS:** Northwest Arctic Borough desires to enter into a TEDO agreement with NVNTC for the limited purpose of securing grant funding under DOE-OIE's Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0002317 to develop a solar PV and battery energy storage system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approves execution of a TEDO agreement with NVNTC for the limited purpose of securing grant funding under DOE-OIE's Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0002317 to develop a solar PV and battery energy storage system; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Northwest Arctic Borough and NVNTC jointly submit a grant request for \$2,000,000 to DOE-OIE to procure and construct a solar PV and battery energy storage system to integrate into the local electric grid and reduce energy costs for community members; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that Northwest Arctic Borough commits to a cost share up to \$250,000 of the DOE-OIE grant proposal and subsequent project if awarded.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.**

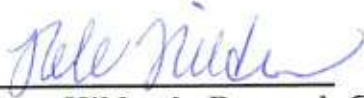
  
**Nathan Hadley Jr., Assembly President**

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.**



**Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor**

**SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.**



**Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk**

**ATTEST:**

