

**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 support 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.



Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY 2019.



Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor

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



Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

