NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 23-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF CLEAN ENERGY DEMONSTRATIONS GRANT FOR THE COMMUNITY OF AMBLER, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly is the governing body for the Northwest Arctic Borough; and

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough is a home rule regional government and provides essential programs and services to improve the quality of life for all residents and their 11 communities; and

WHEREAS: the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations ("OCED"), through Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0003045, is awarding $1 billion over 5 years in grants through the Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas Program ("ERA"); and

WHEREAS: the Tribe wishes to improve the quality of life for the residents of the community; and

WHEREAS: the Borough wishes to apply for an ERA grant to support a High Penetration Solar-Battery Project in Ambler, Alaska; and

WHEREAS: the Project proposes to install a Solar PV and Battery system along with electric utility upgrades to support the integration of renewable energy into the islanded microgrid; and

WHEREAS: Ambler’s electricity needs are currently met exclusively by diesel-generated power provided by the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative (AVEC); and

WHEREAS: no cost-share or matching funds are required or anticipated for the project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Assembly authorizes the Borough to submit an application under DE-FOA- 0003045 "Bipartisan
Infrastructure Law Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas’ grant proposal for up to $5,000,000 to the Department of Energy’s Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Assembly authorizes Mayor Dickie Moto to act as the Business Contact and to represent the Borough in matters related to this grant program and construction project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Assembly authorizes Ingemar Mathiasson, Borough Energy Manager, to act as the Project Manager.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

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