

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 14-43**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING AIDEA'S EVALUATION
OF AN INDUSTRIAL ROAD TO THE AMBLER MINING
DISTRICT AND PETITIONING AIDEA FOR INVOLVEMENT IN
FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES.**

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough is a home rule government chartered under the laws of Alaska and is the location of the Ambler Mining District; and

WHEREAS: the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) is conducting public, tribal, and agency outreach to evaluate a potential industrial road corridor to the Ambler Mining District (the "Road"); and

WHEREAS: as part of this evaluation, AIDEA is working to submit a permit application to federal agencies to begin a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the ANILCA review process; and

WHEREAS: in addition to the outreach and environmental review, AIDEA has taken preliminary steps to plan potential project financing and has identified a "P3" public-private partnership financing structure that could include local governments; and

WHEREAS: if the Road proceeds, AIDEA will use its authority under Alaska Statute Chapter 44.88 to finance and own the Ambler Mining District Road to benefit the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS: Borough Code § 06.08.045 *External Public Financing of Economic Development*, requires 2/3 Assembly approval for AIDEA or other external, public financing of roads, ports, other facilities, infrastructure or public or private projects within the Borough; and

WHEREAS: Alaska Statute 44.88.095 similarly requires Borough approval of AIDEA financing of projects within Borough boundaries; and

WHEREAS: if the Road proceeds, it is in the best interest of the Borough to participate to the maximum extent possible in the financing of economic

development projects within its boundaries and to carefully monitor external, public financing of such development.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly, for and on behalf of the Northwest Arctic Borough:

1. The Borough supports AIDEA's effort to conduct the EIS process and evaluate an industrial road to the Ambler Mining District.
2. If the Road proceeds, the Borough will engage AIDEA at the earliest opportunity for participation in any public-private partnership financing opportunities.
3. This resolution shall be effective upon enactment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014.



Walter G. Sampson, Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014.



Reggie Joule, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014.



Martha Henry, Acting Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

