Introduced By: Mayor Cleworth Introduced: February 25, 2013

RESOLUTION NO. 4566

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION, TRUCKING AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, INCLUDING LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE THE ALASKA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT AUTHORITY (AIDEA) TO PROVIDE LOW INTEREST LOANS AND ISSUE BONDS

WHEREAS, many Interior and rural Alaskan communities are suffering from extremely high energy costs; and

WHEREAS, the development of in-state gas processing facilities on the North Slope so that liquefied natural gas ("LNG") can be trucked to market for distribution would provide a near term "bridge" solution for Northern Alaska pending the construction of a pipeline; and

WHEREAS, because known reserves in the Cook Inlet Basin are insufficient to supply the demand for natural gas in South Central Alaska, the delivery of LNG by truck may alleviate the shortage; and

WHEREAS, in addition to at least \$50 million in state funding, House Bill 74 and Senate Bill 23 will incentivize the construction by providing funds for a natural gas liquefaction facility on the North Slope, trucking LNG to markets, propane for rural communities, and distribution systems; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, that the City Council supports legislative efforts in HB 74 and SB 23 that authorize AIDEA to provide low interest loans and issue bonds for a liquefied natural gas production, transportation and distribution system in addition to state grant funding. In addition, the City Council urges the legislature to provide at least \$50 million in funding for the project.

PASSED and APPROVED this 25th of February 2013.

AYES:

Gatewood, Staley, Hilling, Matherly, Walley

NAYS: ABSENT: None

Eberhart

APPROVED: February 25, 2013

ATTEST: