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8 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH  
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10 RESOLUTION NO. 2018 – 06  
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12 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SB 125 AND HB 261 RELATING TO THE FINANCING AND  
13 ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR A LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION SYSTEM AND  
14 NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
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16 WHEREAS, Fairbanks has significant air quality challenges the can be  
17 mitigated as natural gas increasingly displaces space heating by other fuels; and  
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19 WHEREAS, Fairbanks has almost 14,000 annual heating degree days,  
20 Anchorage has close to 10,000 and Juneau has about 8,000; and  
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22 WHEREAS, Therefore Fairbanks consumes significantly more energy to  
23 heat homes and businesses; and  
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25 WHEREAS, The main heating sources in Fairbanks are fuel oil, wood and  
26 coal; and  
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28 WHEREAS, In 2013 Fairbanks, North Pole, the Fairbanks North Star  
29 Borough, and the State of Alaska began working together to bring clean burning &  
30 affordable natural gas to the Interior; and  
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32 WHEREAS, Significant progress has been made in moving this challenging  
33 and complicated project forward including: 1) Interior Gas Utility (IGU) and Fairbanks  
34 Natural Gas (FNG) have begun building out the gas distribution systems in North Pole  
35 and Fairbanks; 2) IGU has contracted with AIDEA to purchase FNG and other PENTEX  
36 assets, resulting in a consolidated natural gas utility by mid-2018; 3) FNG has acquired  
37 a natural gas contract sufficient for the entire Interior Energy Project (IEP); and 4) FNG  
38 has begun construction of additional LNG storage for an expanded natural gas utility;  
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41 WHEREAS, The project took longer than initially envisioned and crucial  
42 bonds intended to fund the IEP are scheduled to expire without Legislative action; and  
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44 WHEREAS, SB 125 and HB 261 propose to extend this important bond  
45 authorization to the Interior to help finance the next steps in the IEP.  
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47 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairbanks North Star  
48 Borough Assembly supports SB 125 and HB 261 and asks that the Legislature pass  
49 them.  
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51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to Senator  
52 Pete Kelly, Representative Steve Thompson and the IGU Board  
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54 PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2018.  
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Kathryn Dodge  
Presiding Officer

63 ATTEST:

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Nanci Ashford-Bingham, MMC  
Borough Clerk

71 Yeses: Quist, Tacke, Roberts, Lojewski, Major, Lawrence, Dodge

72 Noes: None

73 Other: Gray (Excused), Cooper (Excused)