



ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES
2017 ANNUAL CONVENTION
RESOLUTION 17-24

TITLE: SUPPORT FOR THE ALASKA RAILBELT ELECTRICAL INTERTIE PROJECT

WHEREAS: The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) is the largest statewide Native organization in Alaska and its membership includes 185 federally recognized tribes, 177 village corporations, 12 regional corporations and 11 regional nonprofit and tribal consortiums that contract and compact to run federal and state programs; and

WHEREAS: the mission of AFN is to enhance and promote the cultural, economic, and political voice of the entire Alaska Native community; and

WHEREAS: the Alaska Federation of Natives supports the work and economic well-being of our member tribes and recognizes that lower energy costs in Alaska will promote economic development and long-term sustainability for our communities; and

WHEREAS: small communities on the Alaska road system in both the Ahtna and TCC region that are not connected to the railbelt electric grid use micro-grid systems that have poor economies of scale and utilize expensive diesel fuel for electrical generation, this means that costs go up and down in accordance with world oil prices and are completely out of the control of tribes; and

WHEREAS: we believe that if a transmission intertie with the Alaskan railbelt electrical system, currently connecting Fairbanks and Anchorage, can be completed it will significantly lower long-term energy costs for tribes that are on the Alaska road-system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the delegates of the 2017 Annual Convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives that AFN believes that a railbelt inter-tie from Palmer-Glennallen-Delta with a connecting lower KV_a line between Glennallen-Tok-Delta represents the most immediate and cost effective method of bringing reasonably priced electricity to these regions that are along the Alaskan road-belt; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AFN supports the funding of a feasibility study to plan and evaluate this important infrastructure route by the U.S. Dept. of Energy, Office of Indian Energy. This feasibility study will bring our communities one step closer to lower energy costs and support economic development in native communities affected by this project.



Julie E. Kitka

Julie Kitka
President

SUBMITTED BY:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

CONVENTION ACTION:

TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION BE SENT TO CONVENTION
FOR CONSIDERATION**

PASSED