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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to establishing a natural gas supply for villages in Northwest Alaska.

### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the United States Navy gas reserves in the petroleum reserve area around Barrow and Wainwright, Alaska represent one of the only available supplies of fuel for the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS the Navy is presently contemplating the sinking of new wells in this reserve to increase the present available fuel supply; and

WHEREAS the lack of a ready fuel supply has greatly burdened the personal lives of the inhabitants of Point Hope, Kivalina, Noatak, Kotzebue, Noorvik, Kiana, Shungnak, Ambler, Kobuk and Selawik, Alaska and held back the economic growth of these communities to a mere trickle; and

WHEREAS the presence of a fuel supply to these villages would alleviate the suffering of the many inhabitants living in them;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature urgently requests the Secretary of the Navy to investigate the possibility of locating a well near enough to these villages to permit utilization of this natural gas supply; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Interior study the feasibility of transmission and distribution of this natural gas supply to the villagers of Point Hope, Kivalina, Noatak, Kiana, Shungnak, Ambler, Kobuk, Kotzebue, Noorvik and Selawik, Alaska and make available appropriate federal funds to carry this study to fruition.

COPIES of this Resolution are to be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable John H. Chafee, Secretary of the Navy; the Honorable Walter J.

Hickel, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Howard W. Pollock, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.