

1 prohibitive, with coal going as high as forty-two dollars a ton
2 resulting in the inadequate heating of many homes in the
3 face of a plentiful, nearby and unused natural gas supply; and

4 WHEREAS, to this date no known action on this matter has
5 been taken either by the Department of the Interior or by and
6 through the Bureau of Indian Affairs or any other Federal agency;

7 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the First Legislature of
8 the State of Alaska, in First Session assembled, does respect-
9 fully record its desire that needed expedient action be taken by
10 the Department of the Interior, either through the initiation of
11 legislation or by other means, to make possible, through private
12 or public efforts, the distribution of the abundant and available
13 arctic natural gas to the Eskimos of Barrow; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be trans-
15 mitted to the Honorable Fred A. Seaton, Secretary of the Depart-
16 ment of the Interior; to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett and the
17 Honorable Ernest Gruening, United States Senators from the State
18 of Alaska; to the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, United States
19 Representative from the State of Alaska; to the Honorable William
20 A. Egan, Governor of Alaska; and to the Honorable James Hawkins,
21 the Alaska Area Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
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