

# STATE OF ALASKA

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Relating to marketing and transporting Alaska's natural gas.

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

WHEREAS the largest gas field in the North American continent was discovered 15 years ago at Prudhoe Bay, on Alaska's North Slope; and

WHEREAS since that time it has been the policy of Alaska's state government to promote an environmentally sound, privately financed transportation system that would allow North Slope natural gas to come to market, while providing a new source of energy for Alaska's interior and raw material for future industry throughout the state; and

WHEREAS efforts by the United States and Canadian governments and private industry to move natural gas from the North Slope to supply the midwestern and pacific states have been supported by the State of Alaska and shall continue to have the state's support; and

WHEREAS in order to explore all possibilities of marketing North Slope gas, it is also in the state's best interest to explore all markets; and

WHEREAS successful marketing of Alaska's North Slope energy reserves can result in increased energy exploration, in a secure source of energy supply, contributing to both the economic and energy security of the United States; and

WHEREAS an Alaskan natural gas transportation system is committed to deliver natural gas to Alaska's interior for energy and raw material for industry in order to support economic diversification; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska wishes to be on record in supporting any natural gas transportation system that would deliver gas to any market; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the people of Alaska that the state government immediately enter into negotiations for the sale of the state's royalty interest in North Slope natural gas for in-state use as a catalyst for construction of a transportation system for Alaska's natural gas;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the State of Alaska fully supports the efforts of all owners of the gas and other parties to market the North Slope gas; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Alaska requests the federal government to remove any impediments to freely marketing North Slope gas or oil that would not affect the ongoing efforts of private industry to construct a gas transportation system overland from Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that all trading partners of Alaska are strongly urged to consider and take advantage of the benefits that a secure, long-term trading relationship with Alaska would offer; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature calls upon the owners of the gas, Alaska's delegation in Congress, and all other parties with an interest in the gas to explore every means to privately finance and construct a transportation system for Alaska's natural gas; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Alaska immediately enter into negotiations for the sale of its royalty interest in North Slope gas to in-state users in order that they and the state serve as a catalyst for the construction of a transportation system for Alaska's natural gas.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Schultz, Secretary of State; the Honorable James Watt, Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Malcolm Baldrige, Secretary of Commerce; the Honorable George Bush, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.