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Alaska Federation of Natives Passes Resolution in Support of Gasline *Statewide Measure Adopted to Ensure Cooperation and Advance Project*

October 20, 2018 – Anchorage, AK – The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN), Alaska’s largest statewide Native organization, today unanimously passed a resolution supporting an Alaska gasline project being led by the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC). The resolution, sponsored by the ASRC, CIRI, Doyon, and AHTNA Native Corporations, calls for AFN to work with AGDC “to ensure cooperation between Alaska Natives and their respective economic interests to provide to AGDC subject matter expertise and support services to advance” an Alaska gasline project.

AFN’s membership includes 186 federally recognized tribes, 177 village corporations, 12 regional corporations, and 12 regional nonprofit and tribal consortiums. AFN adopted the resolution supporting an Alaska gasline project during a plenary session of the organization’s annual convention in Anchorage, Alaska.

“Having the state’s leading native organizations voice their support for an Alaska gasline is a significant addition to the growing coalition backing our efforts to commercialize one of the state’s most valuable natural resources,” said AGDC Director of Alaska Native Affairs Donna Bach. “AFN represents Alaska’s rich ethnic and cultural groups and interests, and we are grateful for their interest and support of our work to unlock our gas resources for the benefit of all Alaskans.”

“An Alaska gasline gives Alaska Native organizations an opportunity to participate in the development of our state’s vast natural resources,” said resolution co-sponsor Aaron Schutt, President/CEO of Doyon Limited. “Our companies and our shareholders have the experience necessary to help build and operate this important Arctic energy infrastructure project. By working with AGDC, we are able to promote the economic interests of Alaskan Natives and manage our rich cultural and environmental resources.”

Additional sponsors of the resolution included the four regional Native Corporations along the proposed route: Ahtna, Inc., Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, Cook Inlet Regional Incorporated, and Doyon Limited.

Alaska LNG is an integrated natural gas infrastructure project designed to unlock Alaska’s vast North Slope gas supply, termed one of only 25 “Super Basins” in the world by business research leader IHS Markit.

The Alaska LNG project is anticipated to generate a massive economic and employment opportunity in Alaska, creating an estimated 88,000 job-years of construction work. Ongoing operations and related activities will create 5,900 permanent jobs. The number of indirect jobs as a result of Alaska LNG construction and the stable, low-cost, clean energy the project will provide for generations of Alaskans is expected to be in the tens of thousands.

AGDC is an independent, public corporation of the State of Alaska. Advancing the development and construction of a North Slope natural gas pipeline and LNG export project is its top priority. AGDC is charged with securing a long-term energy supply for Alaskans. Visit www.agdc.us for up to date information.

The Full Text of the AFN Resolution Reads as Follows:

ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES
2018 ANNUAL CONVENTION
RESOLUTION 18-16

- TITLE:** CALLING ON AFN TO WORK WITH THE ALASKA GASLINE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (AGDC) TO ENSURE COOPERATION BETWEEN ALASKA NATIVES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ECONOMIC INTERESTS TO PROVIDE TO AGDC SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO ADVANCE AGDC'S WORK
- WHEREAS:** The Alaska Federation of Natives (hereinafter "AFN") is a body of members of full sovereign nations and Alaska's economic interests; and
- WHEREAS:** The AFN is a distinct entity representing Alaska's rich ethnic and cultural groups and interests in dealing with critical issues of public policy and government; and
- WHEREAS:** AGDC is developing the Alaska natural gas pipeline and LNG export project "Project" as defined in AS 31.25.005(5) to provide a future economic benefit to the State of Alaska, and the Native community through the commercialization of stranded North Slope gas resources, lower energy costs and meaningful employment opportunities to all Alaskans, and overall improvement in the Alaskan economy; and
- WHEREAS:** AGDC intends to procure, or cause to be procured, services, labor, products, and natural resources from qualified businesses located throughout Alaska, including organizations owned by Alaska Natives, regional corporations, village corporations, tribal organizations and municipal organizations; and
- WHEREAS:** AGDC intends to encourage the hiring of qualified residents from throughout Alaska for management, engineering, construction, operations, maintenance, and other positions for the design, construction and operation of the Alaska natural gas pipeline and LNG Project; and
- WHEREAS:** AGDC intends to seek rights-of-way from Alaska Native land owners which will impact the cultural and traditional practices, and economic development for Alaska Natives; and
- WHEREAS:** AFN is informed of the provisions of the SB138 and the articles of the 28th Legislature of the State of Alaska's mandate for the "Alaskans First" provision of

the statute, understanding there are many rural communities in the State where it is not economically feasible to transport gas for local use; and

WHEREAS: AFN acknowledges the intent behind the creation of AS 37.05.610 by the Alaska State Legislature in forming the Alaska Affordable Energy Fund is to “maximize the benefit of the people of the State” for those not directly along the project route to apply for future rural energy infrastructure projects in the future; and

WHEREAS: AFN has a deep rich history of members who have advocated for the responsible stewardship of land, natural resources and critical economic issues as it pertains to public policy and collaboration with government entities in order to best highlight capabilities that can be used to advance the Alaska natural gas pipeline and LNG export project; and

WHEREAS: AFN supports AGDC’s effort to develop the Alaska natural gas pipeline and LNG export project and desires to share in the economic benefits of the project through services, employment, and other means as it pertains to Alaska’s economy and the AFN delegation’s interests in promoting the cultural, economic and political voice for the entire Alaska Native community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, the Alaska Federation of Natives supports the continued work of the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) to ensure cooperation between Alaska’s First People and AGDC in determining how the greater Alaska Native community’s subject matter expertise, talent capabilities, labor force, and subsidiary or affiliate companies can be used to support the development requirements necessary to advance AGDC’s work and build the Alaska natural gas pipeline and LNG export project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Alaska Federation of Natives encourages AGDC to continue its cooperation and engagement with Alaska Natives and to employ and engage Alaska Native subject matter expertise, talent, capabilities, workforce, and subsidiary or affiliate companies to advance AGDC’s work and build the Alaska natural gas pipeline and LNG export project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Alaska Federation of Natives encourages AGDC to continue its cooperation and engagement with Alaska Native landowners and Tribes, to provide fair and equitable compensation for the use of their lands, to protect encumbered lands from trespass, and to restore any impacted lands to their natural state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that AFN calls for the provisions of the five off-takes for Alaska energy, and for the use of Alaskans as provided for in the development of the Alaska Stand-Alone Pipeline (ASAP project) also be provided for in the development of the AGDC ADLNG project, and that AGDC works with landowners and tribes to assist in identifying placement of the offtakes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that AFN with advocate for ANC and tribal participation in the development of regulations which would manage the Alaska Affordable Energy Fund, to ensure rural Alaskans and tribal communities benefit equitably from the Alaska gas line.

SUBMITTED BY: ARCTIC SLOPE REGIONAL CORPORATION
COOK INLET REGION, INC.
DOYON, LIMITED
AHTNA, INC.

COMMITTEE ACTION: RECOMMEND SEND TO CONVENTION FOR CONSIDERATION

CONVENTION ACTION: PASSED

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