



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 IT 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 oftakes; 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.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie E. Kitka".

Julie Kitka
President

SUBMITTED BY:	ARCTIC SLOPE REGIONAL CORPORATION COOK INLET REGION, INC. DOYON, LIMITED AHTNA, INC.
COMMITTEE ACTION:	RECOMMEND SEND TO CONVENTION FOR CONSIDERATION
CONVENTION ACTION:	AMENDED AND PASSED