

DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 13-06

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN IN-STATE NATURAL GAS PIPELINE ALONG THE GEORGE PARKS HIGHWAY UTILITY CORRIDOR INCLUDING THE SEVEN MILES WHERE THE PARKS HIGHWAY PASSES THROUGH DENALI NATIONAL PARK.

WHEREAS, the energy costs for residents and businesses in the interior of Alaska are among the highest in the country; and

WHEREAS, the development of an in-state gas pipeline would provide a stable, clean and affordable energy solution for Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) was established in April 2010 through House Bill 369 to facilitate development of a plan for an in-state pipeline project; and

WHEREAS, AGDC initiated work to plan and execute a pipeline project known as the Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline project (ASAP) and has done much of the preliminary work required before going to Open Season; and

WHEREAS, there are two different possible gasline routes through Denali Borough – the “highway corridor” route through Denali National Park or “Denali Bypass” through the Yanert valley; and

WHEREAS, the “Denali Bypass” route has a greater environmental impact than the “highway corridor” route; and

WHEREAS, the “highway corridor” route allows for easier access to natural gas for the Park, businesses near the Park entrance and the McKinley Village community; and

WHEREAS, congressional action would be required to permit the routing through the Park; and

WHEREAS, Senator Murkowski reintroduced legislation (S.302), permitting for the “highway utility corridor” route.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Denali Borough supports state of Alaska legislation that continues the ASAP project as it will add a long overdue critical component to our state’s infrastructure and will utilize an important resource to greatly reduce energy costs and help make Alaska competitive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the Denali Borough supports the “highway corridor” route through Denali National Park.

PASSED and APPROVED by the DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY this 10TH day of APRIL, 2013.



Mayor Clay Walker

ATTEST: 

Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk



AYES: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY