

Sponsored by: Assemblymember Keogh
Adopted: 01/25/11
Motion to Reconsider Passed: 01/25/11
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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 11-013**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY TO SUPPORT
COMPREHENSIVE FEDERAL CLEAN ENERGY LEGISLATION IN THE YEAR 2011.

WHEREAS, concerned about our future, our economy and our communities, we cannot afford to wait to act on comprehensive clean energy; and

WHEREAS, currently the United States spends over \$1 billion per day to import oil, draining our economy and enriching countries that are fighting against us; and

WHEREAS, according to a study conducted in 2007 by the Center for Naval Analysis, generals and admirals concluded that climate change was a "threat multiplier" requiring the full attention of the Department of Defense and action by the United States government before it is too late; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense identified global climate change as a national security threat that brings additional risks and stressors to United States service members stationed overseas, including soldiers and airmen who reside in the Borough and are deployed from Fort Richardson and Elmendorf Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, efforts to reduce pollution and to promote cleaner energy sources will increase demand for natural gas and help create favorable conditions for bringing Alaska's natural gas to market; and

WHEREAS, Alaska has abundant opportunities for renewable energy resources including wind power, geothermal power, hydroelectric power, and tidal power; and

WHEREAS, statewide efforts to reduce carbon pollution, to increase energy efficiency, and to produce renewable energy provide numerous local benefits by creating new jobs that cannot be exported, developing reliable local power, cutting energy bills and saving taxpayers money;

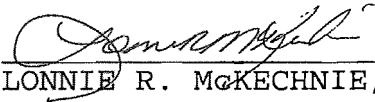
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly respectfully requests our Federal Delegation to thoughtfully consider and work together with Congress to pass comprehensive energy legislation in the year 2011 that creates new incentives for natural gas, renewable energy and adoption of energy efficient technologies while reducing our country's dependence on foreign oil and increasing our national security.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 25 day
of January, 2011.



RON ARVIN, Deputy Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

Final Vote:

YES: Keogh, Arvin, Bettine, Colver, and Halter

NO: Woods and Ewing

Reconsideration Vote:

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Keogh, Woods, Arvin, Ewing, Bettine, Colver,
and Halter

Original Vote:

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Keogh, Woods, Arvin, Ewing, Bettine, Colver,
and Halter