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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2001-019**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RESPONSIBLE EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT  
AND PRODUCTION OF OIL AND GAS RESOURCES OF THE COASTAL PLAIN OF  
THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

- WHEREAS,** in the last eight years, the nation's demand for petroleum products has grown by 14 percent while domestic production has declined by 17 percent; and
- WHEREAS,** by 2020, the United States expects to be 64 percent dependent on other countries to fuel its industry, transportation and homes; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States is currently receiving 44 percent of its imported oil from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), including 1,400,000 barrels a day from Saudi Arabia and 700,000 barrels a day from Iraq; and
- WHEREAS,** if the United States is going to reduce its dependence on foreign oil, it must look toward domestic sources, including Alaska's arctic region, where the United States Department of the Interior estimated the recoverable oil potential of the coastal plain to be as high as 10,000,000,000 barrels of oil; and
- WHEREAS,** federal legislation has been introduced calling for the opening of the 1,500,000-acre coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to environmentally sound exploration, development and production of oil and gas resources; and
- WHEREAS,** the vast majority of Alaskans, including the Native residents of Kaktovik, the only community located in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, supports coastal plain development; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1993, the Borough Assembly adopted Resolution 93-63, opposing a permanent wilderness designation for the Arctic Coastal Plain;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI  
PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Borough Assembly supports Alaska's role in providing this nation with a major portion of its domestic oil and encourages the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to responsible exploration, development and production of its oil and gas resources.

**SECTION 2.** That the Borough Assembly opposes any efforts to declare the coastal plain of ANWR a wilderness area.

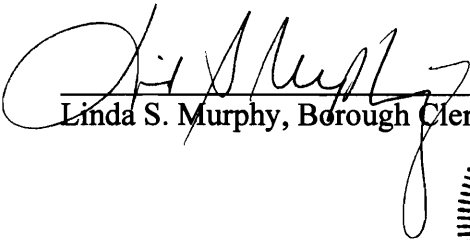
**SECTION 3.** That copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U. S. Senators; the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative and the National Association of Counties (NACo).

**SECTION 4.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2001.**

  
Timothy Navarre, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

