

Introduced by: Sprague
Date: 02/18/03
Action: Adopted
Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No, 2 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2003-021**

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

WHEREAS, in order to reduce its dependence on foreign oil, the United States must continue to 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;

WHEREAS, in 2001, the Borough Assembly adopted Resolution 2001-019, supporting responsible exploration, development, and production of oil and gas resources within the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge;

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

SECTION 1. That the Borough Assembly continues to support 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 further wilderness or other restrictive designation in the area of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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 Lisa Murkowski, U. S. Senators; the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative and the National Association of Counties (NACo).

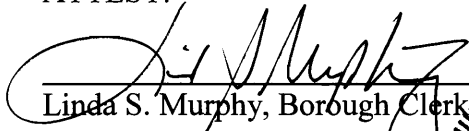
SECTION 4. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2003.



Pete Sprague, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

