

## THE VOICE OF THE ARCTIC IÑUPIAT

### RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04

**WHEREAS**, The Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat (the “Corporation”) is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit formed under the laws of the State of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation’s purpose, as defined in its Articles of Incorporation, is to:

promote the social welfare of the Iñupiaq people of the Arctic Slope within the meaning of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States internal revenue law) (the “Code”), including, but not limited to: developing local advocacy and engagement for the Iñupiat of the Arctic Slope to state, federal and international forums addressing Arctic issues; promoting an understanding of the North Slope economy within the region and encourage culturally safe and responsible development for economic sustainability; developing local content and responses with respect to activities within the region that allow for protection of the lands, waters and subsistence resources used by the Arctic Iñupiat for thousands of years; acting to protect the interests of the Arctic Iñupiat; becoming the local knowledge center for the communities and people regarding developments in the Arctic Slope region; and being a conduit for information transfer with outside organizations, including both governmental and non-governmental entities

; and

**WHEREAS**, the almost 1,200,000 acres known as the 1002 Area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (“ANWR”) was first protected under President Eisenhower in 1960, and ANWR was **officially** created under President Carter and the United States Congress with the passage of the Alaska National Interest Land Conservation Act (“ANILCA”); and

**WHEREAS**, for many years, there have been many debates on whether to open up the 1002 Area of ANWR to oil and gas exploration and development; and

**WHEREAS**, the opening of 1002 Area of ANWR to such oil and gas exploration and development would provide for economic benefits for the Iñupiaq people of the Arctic Slope of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the corporation supports current resolutions or future resolutions made by such entities that represent the community of Kaktovik with regard to items they would like to have addressed as conditions to opening the 1002 area of ANWR; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Corporation comprised of representation from all of the members of the Corporation, find it in the best interest of the Corporation and the Inupiaq people of the Arctic Slope to support the opening of the 1002 Area of ANWR for the purposes of oil and gas exploration and development.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Directors hereby approves and stands in support of the opening of the 1002 Area of ANWR to oil and gas exploration and development.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the officers, directors and management are hereby authorized and directed to take all such action necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Sayers Tuzroyluk, Sr., do hereby certify: that I am the President of this Corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alaska; that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation was duly held on August 31, 2017; that notice of the meeting was duly given; that a quorum attended and participated; and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, by order of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, this 31 day of August, 2017.



President

ATTEST:



John Hopson, Jr.  
Vice - Chair