



**RESOLUTION 2011 - 11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE URGING THE SUPPORT OF CONTINUED FUNDING FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, AND EMERGING ENERGY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS STATEWIDE.**

**WHEREAS**, the cost of most fossil fuels, particularly diesel and heating oil, has increased dramatically in recent years; and

**WHEREAS**, in Southwest Alaska increases in the cost of fossil fuels, including diesel and heating oil, have caused, and continue to cause, substantial economic hardships on residential, business, and governmental rate payers; and

**WHEREAS**, Southwest Alaska is dependent on foreign sources for the majority of its oil supply; and

**WHEREAS**, diesel and other fossil fuels are finite resources that contribute to growing worldwide concerns over society's carbon footprint and have negative environmental effects to ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, Alaskans, particularly those in rural parts of the state including Southwest Alaska, are dependent on diesel-fired electric generation with retail rates over \$1 kilowatt per hour and heating oil for home heating with prices as high as \$8 per gallon in some areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the State has established funds for supporting and enabling renewable energy and energy efficiency projects, as well as a new emerging technology fund; and

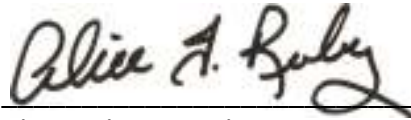
**WHEREAS**, the SWAMC communities have benefited from existing funding of renewable and energy efficiency projects and could see future benefits from new energy technologies.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference encourages our legislators to continue funding renewable energy, energy efficiency, and emerging technology projects that will help make our communities more sustainable.

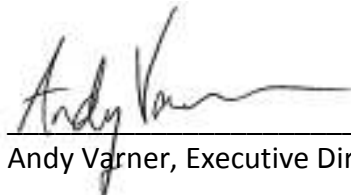
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Membership this 11th day of February, 2011.

Signed:

Attest:



Alice Ruby, President



Andy Varner, Executive Director