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A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY ENCOURAGING THE U.S. ARMY CORPS  
OF ENGINEERS, ALASKA DISTRICT, REGULATORY BRANCH, TO ISSUE A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT STATEMENT ON THE NORTHSTAR PROJECT

WHEREAS, one of the mainstays of the Municipality of Anchorage's fiscal health is a sound industrial  
base; and the introduction of a new industrial venture to the Anchorage economy will contribute to diversification  
and expansion of that base; and

WHEREAS, the petroleum industry represents a key component of the Anchorage economy, accounting  
for as much as one-third of the region's overall economy, and the petroleum industry also represents about 80  
percent of all State revenues, a portion of which returns to Anchorage through the provision of vital services and  
revenue sharing; and

WHEREAS, BP Exploration (Alaska) is paying a premium of approximately \$350 million to help  
Anchorage-based companies develop the expertise they need to rebuild and assemble in Anchorage the large  
production modules needed for the Northstar project; and

WHEREAS, 10,000 tons of modules, including two 3,000-ton processing units will be fabricated for the  
Northstar project - with 9,000 tons to be assembled at the eight-acre Northstar Terminal of the Port of Anchorage  
and 1,000 tons of truckable modules to be built at Alaska Petroleum Contractor's existing fabrication facilities in  
Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, direct Northstar module construction manpower in Anchorage will reach approximately 350,  
and 100 permanent jobs will have been created over the Northstar field's 15-year life; and

WHEREAS, the petroleum industry in Alaska has compiled the best environment record in the World, and  
has continued to work to minimize its environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, the future of the oil industry depends on bringing to commercial operation a series of small  
oil fields across the North Slope, including the Northstar project; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage residents and businesses have already suffered economic losses due to delays  
to Northstar, and could lose additional economic benefits if Northstar is further delayed; and

WHEREAS, the Northstar project has already undergone three years of public scrutiny and comment.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:

That the Assembly opposes any extension of the comment period and encourages the U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers, Alaska District, Regulatory Branch, to issue a final Environmental Impact Statement on the  
Northstar project as expeditiously as possible.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1998.

*Fay Von Gemmingen*  
Chair

ATTEST:

*Leanne Ferguson*  
Municipal Clerk