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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR No. 2004-297

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY URGING THE  
NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION DURING ITS  
CONGRESS OF CITIES CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 30 THROUGH DECEMBER 4,  
2004 IN SUPPORT OF OPENING THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
(ANWR) TO OIL EXPLORATION.**

WHEREAS, each year the United States imports roughly 64% of its needed petroleum at a cost of about \$120 billion; and

WHEREAS, a balanced energy policy that includes development of alternative sources, conservation, and development of domestic energy sources can significantly reduce the nation's dependence on imported oil; and

WHEREAS, only eight percent of the 19 million acres that make up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would be open to exploration and less than one-half of one percent would be impacted by any development; and

WHEREAS, federal revenues would be enhanced by billions of dollars from bonus bids, lease rentals, royalties and taxes, freeing up much needed resources for assistance to state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, oil development on the Coastal Plain of ANWR will create thousands of direct and indirect jobs nation wide, benefiting cities in all fifty states and the District of Columbia; and

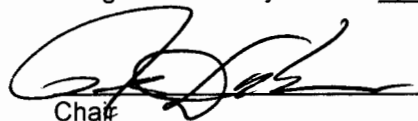
WHEREAS, a central focus of the National League of Cities is to be an advocate for the interests of U.S. cities and towns with the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, several Anchorage Assemblymembers have assumed leadership roles in the National League of Cities, including Assembly Chair Dick Traini who is currently serving on the NLC Board of Directors,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves that:

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES IS URGED TO APPROVE A  
RESOLUTION DURING ITS CONGRESS OF CITIES CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 30 THROUGH  
DECEMBER 4, 2004 IN SUPPORT OF OPENING THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE TO  
OIL EXPLORATION. ANCHORAGE REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING THAT CONFERENCE ARE  
AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO PURSUE ADOPTION OF SUCH A RESOLUTION.**

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
November, 2004.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk