(07-2) A Resolution Encouraging Establishment of a Cabinet Level Department of Energy

Energy is critical to the economic health of all regions of the State of Alaska. It is not only the greatest source of revenue for the State, it is also collectively the largest expense for homeowners and most businesses. The consumption of energy in the form of electricity, space heat and transportation fuels costs Alaskans more than two billion dollars annually.

Many studies have been completed in recent and past years regarding energy policies and plans for Alaska, however there are still no realistic plans being implemented to ensure that Alaska’s energy future is being secured. Alaska Power Association believes that this void will continue as long as there is no cabinet level position responsible for energy matters.

Alaska Power Association strongly encourages the Governor to consider establishing a Department of Energy to manage Alaska’s energy assets and to develop and implement a plan to provide secure, reliable and affordable energy for all Alaskans and their businesses.

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