

**TITLE: RESOLUTION TO REINSTATE THE PROVISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE NORTHERN BERING SEA CLIMATE RESILIENCE AREA**

Whereas, the undersigned are designees of almost 40 federally recognized Tribes on the west coast of Alaska;

Whereas, we, through our federally recognized Tribal governments, have the right to participate fully in all levels of decision-making in policies that affect our Tribes, and to exercise our government-to-government responsibilities;

Whereas, the Bering Sea is part of our identities as Yup'ik and Inupiaq people, and is as important to us as the land;

Whereas, we as the tribal consortium Bering Sea Elders Group (BSEG) passed a resolution in June 2016 asking President Obama to issue an Executive Order protecting the Bering Sea and listing the features we wanted in that Order;

Whereas, on December 9, 2016, President Obama issued Executive Order 13754 creating the Northern Bering Sea Climate Resilience Area, and its provisions were substantially similar to those BSEG requested in our resolution;

Whereas, in January 2017, members of BSEG went to Washington, D.C. to urge Alaska's congressional delegation to protect Executive Order 13754 and not allow it to be revoked;

Whereas, on April 28, 2017, with no notice or consultation with our member Tribes or BSEG itself, President Trump rescinded Executive Order 13754 in a new Executive Order called "Implementing an America First Offshore Strategy;" and

Whereas, Kawcrak, Inc. and the Association of Village Council Presidents have passed resolutions requesting that Executive Order be reinstated as it was originally issued.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: BSEG requests that Executive Order 13754, which created the Northern Bering Sea Climate Resilience Area, be reinstated exactly as originally issued; or

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: BSEG requests that, only if reinstatement is not possible, legislation be passed immediately that is identical to Executive Order 13754 or is more protective than the terms in that Order.

ADOPTED by the tribal delegate members of Bering Sea Elders Group, and signed on behalf of those Tribes during its Annual Meeting held in Anchorage, Alaska on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2017.