Introduced By: Mayor Cleworth

Date: July 23, 2012

RESOLUTION NO. 4537

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A LARGE DIAMETER NATURAL GAS PIPELINE TO TIDEWATER AT VALDEZ, ALASKA

WHEREAS, a large-diameter gas pipeline has been discussed for over forty years and should be a fundamental part of the infrastructure of the State of Alaska; the North Slope to Valdez line has been researched extensively and takes advantage of the existing corridor; and

WHEREAS, the decline in dependence on both nuclear and coal energy sources has resulted in a significant increase in demand for natural gas; and

WHEREAS, this corridor encompasses a larger population and user base, including Fairbanks, Fort Wainwright, and Eielson AFB, than other potential routes; and

WHEREAS, energy costs for residents in the interior and rural Alaska are staggering and severely limit economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the only realistic answer for achieving air quality standards in Fairbanks would be rapid conversion to natural gas; and

WHEREAS, because an all Alaskan route is strategically desirable, the City of Fairbanks joins with the numerous other communities who have submitted Resolutions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairbanks City Council supports the construction of a large-diameter natural gas pipeline from the North Slope to Valdez, with various take-off points where needed, to further the development of our natural resources.

PASSED and APPROVED this 23rd Day of July, 2012.

Jerry Cleworth, Mayor

AYES:

PASSED and APPROVED on the Consent Agenda

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

Gatewood

APPROVED:

July 23, 2012

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Paul Ewers, City Attorney