Introduced by: Councilmember Hilling

Introduced: April 8, 2013

### **RESOLUTION NO. 4569**

# A RESOLUTION OF NONPARTICIPATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AGENDA 21 PROGRAM AND WITH ITS COROLLARY INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES (ICLEI)

WHEREAS, the bedrock of individual liberty is the sovereign right over private property, to include one's person; and

WHEREAS, such sovereignty is assured us in (A) the U. S. Constitution by the fourth amendment of search and seizure, the fifth amendment of due process, and the tenth amendment limiting federal powers, and (B) the Alaska State Constitution, Article 1, Section 7, guaranteeing due process in matters over life, liberty and property; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations in 1992 in Rio de Janeiro drafted and passed a globalized "sustainable development" system for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, in a document entitled Agenda 21, whose central thesis is worldwide socioeconomic equity, harmonized with "smart-growth" production and allocation of resources, a sampling of chapter topics being effecting change in consumption patterns (ch. 4), protecting and promoting human health (ch. 6), land resource planning and management (ch. 10), global action for women (ch. 24), strengthening the role of workers and trade unions (ch. 29); and

WHEREAS, Agenda 21 entails a far-reaching curtailment of the use of private property and human behavior, to achieve, specifically, such as "a more efficient and equitable world economy," "[balance] in the global patterns of consumption and production," "population [control] programmes at the local level," "responsible planning of family size," "land-use policy [changes] [largely] through 'command and control'" (full quotes and their precise Agenda 21 document references are on attached addendum); and

WHEREAS, the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (full title: ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability) is a coalition of local governments, whose expressed purpose is to accomplish Agenda 21 from the ground up, there being over 500 subscribing United States municipalities, including partly the Fairbanks North Star Borough but not the City of Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Fairbanks, without committing themselves to Agenda 21 or to mandates such as required by subscription to ICLEI, are fully competent to conduct their affairs while respecting the natural rights of all concerned;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Fairbanks, that this council and mayor shall decline to enter into any partnership with *ICLEI*, or to carry out any part of the *Agenda 21* or *ICLEI* programs, which would infringe on the natural and sovereign rights of the citizens of Fairbanks, Alaska.

PASSED, APPROVED and EFFECTIVE this 13th Day of April 2013.

Jerry Cleworth, City Mayor

AYES:

Staley, Matherly, Hilling, Eberhart, Walley

NAYS:

None

ABSENT: APPROVED:

Gatewood April 08, 2013

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Janey Høyenden, CMC, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney

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#### **ADDENDUM**

## Selected quotes from United Nations resolution on sustainable development for the 21st century,

#### AGENDA 21

The following are verbatim quotations from the 300+ page document, Agenda 21.

This partnership commits all States [read Nations] to engage in a continuous and constructive dialogue, inspired by the need to achieve a more efficient and equitable world economy. [Ch. 2, Para. 2.1]

...consensus-building at the intersection of the environmental and trade and development areas will be ongoing in existing international forums, as well as in the domestic policy of each country. [Ch. 2, Para. 2.4]

The removal of existing distortions in international trade is essential. (Ch. 2, Para. 2.7)

Provide for an equitable, secure, non-discriminatory and predictable international trading system; [Ch. 2, Para. 2.10(b)]

...create a focus in national development plans and budgets on investment in human capital, with special policies and programmes directed at rural areas, the urban poor, women and children. [Ch. 3, Para. 3.4(d)]

Sustainable development must be achieved at every level of society. [Ch. 3, Para. 3.7]

Measures to be undertaken at the international level for the protection and enhancement of the environment must take fully into account the current imbalances in the global patterns of consumption and production. [Ch. 4, Para. 4.4]

Achieving the goals of environmental quality and sustainable development will require efficiency in production and changes in consumption patterns... [Ch. 4, Para. 4.15]

Governments ... should strive to...develop a domestic policy framework that will encourage a shift to more sustainable patterns of production and consumption. [Ch. 4, Para. 4.17(b)]

Without the stimulus of prices and market signals that make clear to producers and consumers the environmental costs of the consumption of energy, materials and natural resources and the generation of wastes, significant changes in consumption and production patterns seem unlikely to occur in the near future. [Ch. 4, Para. 4.24]

Population data should be disaggregated by, inter alia, sex and age in order to take into account the implications of the gender division of labor for the use and management of natural resources. [Ch. 5, Para. 5.28]

Population programmes should be implemented along with natural resource management and developing programmes at the local level... [Ch. 5, Para. 5.43]

Proposals should be developed for local, national and international population/environment programmes in line with specific needs for achieving sustainability. [Ch. 5, Para. 5.56]

Governments should take active steps to implement programmes to establish and strengthen preventive and curative health facilities which include women-centred, women-managed, safe and effective reproductive health care and affordable, accessible services, as appropriate, for the responsible planning of family size... [Ch. 6, Para. 6.26]

The health and well-being of all urban dwellers must be improved so that they can contribute to the economic and social development. [Ch. 6, Para.6.33]

As a first step towards the goal of providing adequate shelter for all, countries should take immediate measures to provide shelter to their homeless poor ... [Ch. 7, Para. 7.9(a)]

All countries should ... Formulate appropriate land-use policies and introduce planning regulations specially aimed at the protection of eco-sensitive zones against physical disruption by construction and construction-related activities. [Ch. 7, Para. 7.69(d)]

Monitoring and evaluating the development process systematically, conducting regular reviews of the state of human resources development, economic and social conditions and trends, the state of the environment and natural resources; [Ch.8, Para. 8.4(d)]

Laws and regulations suited to country specific conditions are among the most important instruments for transforming environment and development policies into action, not only through "command and control" methods, but also as a normative framework for economic planning and market instruments. [Ch. 8, Para. 8.13]

...since the transport sector is also a source of atmospheric emissions, there is a need for a review of existing transport systems and for more effective design and management of traffic and transport systems. [Ch. 9, Para. 9.13]