Introduced by: Mayor Matherly Introduced: March 11, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 4869

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO EXTEND THE SUNSET DATE FOR LNG STORAGE TAX CREDITS

WHEREAS, the Alaska Legislature passed SB23 in 2012 establishing tax credits for the construction of above-ground LNG storage tanks; and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks typically has among the highest utility costs in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has designated much of the Fairbanks area as a non-attainment area for air quality related to PM_{2.5}; and

WHEREAS, federal requirements for air quality monitoring and containment of PM_{2.5} is an issue that has far-reaching consequences; and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks' long-term efforts for clean air are focused on bringing clean, affordable natural gas to the Fairbanks area for space heating; and

WHEREAS, the development of expanded LNG storage facilities in Fairbanks is critical to serving a greater number of residents; and

WHEREAS, the LNG storage tax credits are vital in helping to bring down the cost of providing natural gas to Fairbanks residents; and

WHEREAS, the Interior Gas Utility's current LNG tank construction schedule has a projected completion date of fall 2019; and

WHEREAS, the LNG storage tax credits in SB23 have a sunset clause of Dec 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, extending the sunset on the LNG storage tax credits by 18 months, to June 30, 2021, will allow IGU additional time to qualify for the tax credits should completion take longer than anticipated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairbanks City Council supports legislation to extend the sunset date for LNG storage tax credits in Alaska to June 30, 2021.

PASSED and APPROVED this 11th day of March 2019.

Jim Matherly, Mayor

YEAS:

PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA

NAYS:

None

ABSENT

None

APPROVED: March 11, 2019

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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