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14 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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16 RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 37
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18 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A ONE YEAR EXTENSION TO EPA'S FINAL
19 DESIGNATION DECISION OF THE PM_{2.5} NONATTAINMENT BOUNDARIES IN THE
20 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
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22 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed
23 substantial modifications to the proposed PM_{2.5} nonattainment boundaries
24 recommended by the State of Alaska for communities within the borough; and
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26 WHEREAS, data from the past winter's monitoring efforts suggests that
27 while some changes to the State of Alaska's proposed boundaries may be warranted, it
28 is not to the extent that EPA has proposed; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Department of the Air Force, Pacific Air Forces, has stated that
31 "Eielson AFB believes the Environmental Protection Agency's decision to propose
32 inclusion of Eielson AFB and certain portions of Alaska military training ranges within
33 the proposed PM-2.5 nonattainment area is premature and unwarranted"; and
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35 WHEREAS, necessary data is currently unavailable to support the
36 expansion of this area, and \$2.64 million has been committed to fund an extensive
37 study to assist in determining the sources of the PM_{2.5} emissions and the extent of the
38 Fairbanks problem area; and
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40 WHEREAS, expanding boundaries based on the lack of data and scientific
41 information will undermine the public support necessary to correct and control this
42 health problem in the Fairbanks community; and
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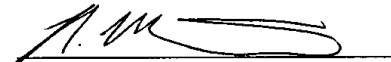
44 WHEREAS, section 7407(d)(1)(B)(i) of the Clean Air Act provides that the
45 designation may be extended for up to one year in the event EPA has insufficient
46 information to promulgate the designation.

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48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the
49 Fairbanks North Star Borough supports the determination of a boundary that is
50 meaningful, scientifically based, and not derived from a lack of data, and therefore
51 recommends the deadline for designation, December 18, 2008, be extended for one
52 year, thereby allowing time to collect the data needed for a more scientifically based
53 assessment of the extent of the PM_{2.5} problem area.
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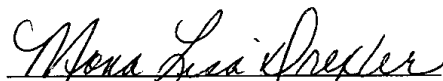
55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be submitted to
56 EPA for its consideration as part of public comments on this issue, and shall also be
57 submitted to the State of Alaska for submission with its additional information that is to
58 be considered by the EPA in this process.
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60 This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.
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62 PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF OCTOBER 2008.


Nadine Winters
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


Mona Lisa Drexler, MMC
Municipal Borough Clerk

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65 Ayes: Brown, Frank, Musick, Sattley, Stringer, Hopkins, Winters,
66 Noes: None
67 Excused: Beck, Foote