



Resolution 05-21

A resolution of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference supporting the Southwest Alaska Rural Energy VISTA Project

- WHEREAS, Although there are numerous alternative energies being sought out in Southwest Alaska, diesel fuel continues to be the primary source of energy in the Southwest region, fueling local electric utilities and heating homes in the region; and
- WHEREAS, The rising cost of diesel fuel affects the communities of Southwest Alaska, making it difficult for existing businesses in the region to budget for upcoming years and discourages new business activity, producing a significant barrier to economic development; and
- WHEREAS, The Southwest Alaska Rural Energy Project, with the assistance of an AmeriCorps VISTA Member from the Alaska Department of Community Advocacy, will address the economic development needs of communities in Southwest Alaska by focusing on efforts to reduce energy costs in the region, thereby creating an environment for sustainable economic development; and
- WHEREAS, The goals of the Southwest Alaska Rural Energy Project, as well as the work plan of the AmeriCorps VISTA, will be to:
- Maintain and distribute a survey of energy costs in the region;
 - Represent the energy issues of Southwest Alaska to the Alaska Rural Energy Council;
 - Develop an end-use energy efficiency strategy for the region and seek funding sources for implementation;
 - Support and facilitate research and development of alternative energy in the region; and
- WHEREAS, Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference will provide office space, project supervision, and resources needed by the VISTA to achieve the project goals; and
- WHEREAS, After the VISTA Member's term of service is complete, the Southwest Alaska Rural Energy Project will be sustained through the collaborative efforts of the SWAMC board, staff, and Southwest Alaska residents by:
- Updating and redistributing the survey of energy costs;
 - Continuing to represent Southwest Alaska communities on the Alaska Rural Energy Council;
 - Implementing the end-use efficiency strategy;
 - Continuing to support research and development of a lternative energy in the region; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference supports the Southwest Alaska Rural Energy Project and requests the assistance of an AmeriCorps VISTA Member through the Alaska Division of Community Advocacy VISTA Program the development and implementation of the project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Board of Directors of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference this Third day of March 2005.

Signed:



Glen Gardner
President

Attest:



Wanetta Ayers
Executive Director

Recommended by: Staff

Board Action: Motion Passed
Motion to Approve: Zimin
Second: Abell