**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Council**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**A resolution to apply for a Solar for All award and to own and operate a community solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage system and to distribute the net proceeds of electricity sales to community members to offset household utility costs**

**WHEREAS:** The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Council, hereinafter called the “Tribe”, is fully authorized to act on behalf of the Tribal members residing in the community of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter called the “Community”); and,

**WHEREAS:** ANTHC has received a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to design and construct solar photovoltaic arrays and battery energy storage systems (hereinafter called the “PV/BESS System”) in rural Alaska Native communities to benefit all community members; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Tribe is federally recognized, is not located on the unified Railbelt Electric Grid, has an Alaska Native population greater than 50% of the community population, has a minimum population of 20 people, has an electric power plant located in the community and therefore meets the eligibility requirements for this grant; and,

Tribe to self-certify (check the box): □ Population greater than 20 people

□ 50% or more of the population is Alaska Native

**WHEREAS:** In conjunction with a Tribal Advisory Committee made up of members from several Statewide Tribal organizations, ANTHC developed eligibility criteria and a quantitative community ranking system based on the cost of energy, the lack of existing or funded renewable energy systems producing more than 100 kW of power, and water and sewer affordability indicators; and,

**WHEREAS:** The community falls within the ranked, eligible communities listed on ANTHC’s Solar for All website and identified by the parameters listed above; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Tribe has secured a letter of commitment from the electric Utility provider (hereinafter referred to as the “Electric Utility”) stating the following (template is provided):

* the Electric Utility will purchase power from the Tribe at a mutually agreed upon rate between 80% and 100% of the Electric Utility’s avoided cost of fuel
* The Electric Utility authorizes the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) to release power plant data to ANTHC and its subcontractors
* The Electric Utility grants access to ANTHC staff or subcontractors to perform a renewable-readiness evaluation of the power plant to determine what upgrades may be required to accept PV/BESS electricity

**WHEREAS:** The Tribe has secured a letter of commitment from a landowner willing to lease or quitclaim 2.5 to 5 acres of nearby land upon which the PV/BESS system will be located; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Tribe has secured letters of support for the PV/BESS project from the City and optionally from the Village Corporation; and,

**WHEREAS:** ANTHC is soliciting applications from among the eligible, ranked rural Alaska Tribal communities for PV/BESS Systems; and,

**WHEREAS:** ANTHC will manage the design, development, construction and commissioning of the System; and,

**WHEREAS:** Upon successful commissioning of the System, ownership will be transferred to the Tribe.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tribe grants the individual signing this resolution the authority to apply to ANTHC for said solar PV/BESS project in its community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Tribe agrees to the following provisions should it be selected for a PV/BESS project:

1. The Tribe will operate as an independent power producer (IPP) and will own, operate and maintain the PV/BESS system after its completion.
2. If the community’s power plant is intertied to any neighboring communities, the Tribe agrees to share community benefits with all households in the intertied community.
3. The Tribe will maintain an O&M reserve fund.
4. The Tribe will insure the PV/BESS system against all losses, for its replacement value.
5. During the negotiation phase of the award process:
   1. The IPP will enter a purchase and sales agreement with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Electric Utility, and the IPP will sell all electricity produced by the PV/BESS system to said Electric Utility at a mutually agreed upon rate between 80% and 100% of the Utilities’ avoided cost of diesel fuel.
   2. The Tribe will enter into a land lease agreement or be the recipient of a quit claim deed so as to obtain site control of a 2.5 to 5 acre site for the solar array
   3. In order to reduce household utility costs, the Tribe will enter into a utility relief payment agreement to distribute equally to all occupied households (including occupied households in any intertied communities), all proceeds from the sale of electricity net of administrative, operating and maintenance costs and contributions to a capital reserve account, by one of the following methods (check one):

* The Community has a water and sewer utility and the Tribe will annually pay the water and sewer utility according to a utility relief agreement; the utility will credit each eligible household’s subsequent utility bill(s)
* The Community does not have a water and sewer utility; the Tribe will determine how the periodic utility relief payments shall be distributed to each eligible household’s utility bill(s)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**: The Tribe and IPP will honor this resolution for the expected life of the PV/BESS system which is a minimum of 25 years, with no changes or modifications to the provisions listed above, regardless of any future re-configuration of the Tribal Council, its membership or its voting structure.

**DULY ADOPTED** this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Authorized Signatory

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Name and title of Authorized Signatory

**CERTIFICATION**

This certifies that the above resolution was duly adopted at a convened meeting of the Native Village of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, at which time a quorum was present. This resolution was duly adopted by a vote of \_\_\_ for, \_\_\_ against, with \_\_\_ abstaining.

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Witness/Attestor Signature

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Name and title of Witness/Attester