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RESOLUTION 2025-071

A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF POINT HOPE TRIBAL COUNCIL EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR'S 11TH NATIONAL OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF (OCS) OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Point Hope, a federally recognized tribal government, is organized under the Indian Reorganization Acts of June 18, 1934, as amended, and the Act of May 1, 1936; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Point Hope is the governing body for the community of Point Hope, organized pursuant to a Constitution and By-Laws approved by the U.S Secretary of the Interior on May 15, 1936; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Point Hope is fully authorized to act on behalf of its members in matters arising under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975, P.L. 93-638, as amended, 25 U.S.C § 450 et seq (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Native Village of Point Hope is a seven-member Tribal Council empowered to act for and on behalf of its Tribal Members in adoption resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes the profound importance of protecting our unique Arctic environment and subsistence way of life, which is intrinsically linked to the health of the marine and coastal ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act requires the Secretary of the Interior to consider national energy needs and the potential for environmental damage, discovery of oil and gas, and adverse impact on the coastal zone in formulating a national OCS program; and

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WHEREAS, the 11th National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program proposes opening Arctic regions to further development, posing unacceptable risks to the bowhead whale migration routes, our primary subsistence resource, and the delicate Arctic ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe seeks to ensure that its ancestral lands and waters remain protected from the inherent risks of offshore oil and gas development, including the high probability of devastating oil spills that are nearly impossible to clean up in icy conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes that potential economic opportunities from OCS development do not outweigh the immediate and long-term threats to our food security, culture, and very existence as an Iñupiat community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Native Village of Point Hope Tribal Council hereby expresses its strong opposition to the inclusion of Arctic regions in the U.S. Department of the Interior's 11th National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribe urges the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to exclude the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas Planning Areas from all future lease sales, recognizing the critical importance of these areas for the subsistence and cultural survival of the Native Village of Point Hope;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal President or an authorized representative to submit this Resolution to the appropriate federal agencies, including BOEM and the Department of the Interior, as part of the formal public comment period (Docket ID: BOEM-2025-0483), and to participate in any related consultation meetings to voice the Tribe's opposition.

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CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, as the President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Native Village of Point Hope, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed by the Native Village of Point Hope Tribal Council at a meeting held on the 29th day of December, 2025, by a vote of 6 Yes and 0 No and 0 abstentions.

Signed: Signed by: Adela Lane 90C504F09500107...

Adela Lane, President

Attest: Signed by: DAE999616DDF440...

Sarah Stone, Treasurer

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