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FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 – 29

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A JOINT CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP
A PLAN TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR
BOROUGH

WHEREAS, Warming temperatures, heavier summer rains, shorter snow seasons and increasing rain on snow in winter are currently impacting and as these trends continue will increasingly impact the health and wellbeing of current and future Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) residents and poses increasing economic and safety challenges including wildfire, pests and diseases, flooding, hazardous travel conditions, reduced winter recreation and transportation opportunities, and damage to infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The overwhelming threats from climate change to our environment, infrastructure, economy, and residents’ health require that we take mitigation and adaptation measures to address these growing impacts; and

WHEREAS, Climate change will impact the interests of the FNSB, but will disproportionately affect communities already facing disparities in socioeconomic and health outcomes, and as such, climate action is necessary to advance social equity; and

WHEREAS, Efforts to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to climate change impacts are likely to benefit FNSB residents through cost savings, stable energy prices, steady jobs and local revenues, social equity, improved air quality, better public health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, A climate action plan is the best platform to outline urgently needed comprehensive mitigation and adaptation strategies to address a changing climate; and