ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

RESOLUTION #2015-04

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STATE’S EFFORT TO BUILD A LARGE DIAMETER GAS PIPELINE TO TIDEWATER FOR THE PURPOSE OF LARGE SCALE GAS EXPORTS AND THE DISPERSION OF LOW COST ENERGY THROUGHOUT THE STATE

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League is grateful for the long hours Legislators have put into planning a gas pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League would like to encourage the Legislature to proactively determine how to best distribute energy outside the pipeline corridor to as many Alaskans, as possible; and

WHEREAS, SB 138 requires the Alaska Energy Authority to consult with the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation, the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, and the Department of Revenue to create and implement a plan for developing infrastructure to deliver more affordable energy to areas of the state that are not expected to have direct access to a North Slope natural gas pipeline; and

WHEREAS, we request that the Alaska State Legislature be prepared to make necessary infrastructure investments early in the project to ensure appropriate ports, networks, transportation hubs, and/or distribution systems are in place; and

WHEREAS, an Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline must be designed and constructed in a manner that will ensure maximum distribution of energy resources and benefits to all Alaskan communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League supports the State’s effort to build a large diameter gas pipeline to tidewater for the purpose of large scale gas exports and the dispersion of low cost energy throughout the state.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Municipal League on this 21st day of November, 2014.
Signed: Linda Murphy, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest: Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League