

1 [Selective purchasing of oil from companies purchase leases or develop oil fields in the Arctic
2 National Wildlife Refuge]

3 **Resolution urging the City of San Francisco to refrain from purchasing oil from**
4 **companies that purchase leases or develop oil fields in the Arctic National Wildlife**
5 **Refuge.**

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7 WHEREAS, the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is a pristine, unique
8 and fragile ecosystem, home to some of the most spectacular wildlife in the United States,
9 and one of the last remaining such places on the planet; and

10 WHEREAS, the Arctic Refuge is sacred to the Gwich'in people, who have lived near
11 the area for almost a thousand generations, and depend on the Porcupine Caribou herd for
12 food, clothing, and as a link to their traditional culture; and

13 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Interior has concluded that drilling in the Arctic
14 Refuge would irreparably harm the Porcupine caribou herd, and therefore the Gwich'in way of
15 life; and

16 WHEREAS, the U.S. Geological Survey estimates that the Arctic Refuge contains less
17 than six months worth of economically recoverable oil, yet using the oil companies' real-world
18 investment criteria, it appears that no oil can profitably be recovered; and

19 WHEREAS, former CIA Director R. James Woolsey testified that Arctic Refuge oil is
20 too vulnerable to be pursued; and

21 WHEREAS, oil spills and leaks will continue to occur regardless of improvements in
22 technology, and the Arctic Refuge can not withstand the damage that would result from oil
23 and gas drilling; and

24 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the American people to protect and preserve such
25 rare treasures for future generations; and

1 WHEREAS, the majority of Americans oppose opening the coastal plain of the Arctic
2 Refuge for oil and gas drilling, as do the Gwich'in; and

3 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco believes that it is irresponsible for a corporation
4 to pursue drilling in one of the few remaining wild places in the United States and to threaten
5 the rights of the Gwich'in Indians; and

6 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco wishes to spend its citizens' tax dollars in a
7 manner that is socially and environmentally responsible; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That should the U.S. Congress ever allow oil or gas drilling in the coastal
9 plain of the Arctic Refuge, The City of San Francisco shall not knowingly purchase goods or
10 services from corporations that purchase leases or develop oil fields in the coastal plain of the
11 Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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