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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Ayes: 9 - Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin,

Sandoval

Absent: 2 - Ammiano, Ma

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 30, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.