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Nunapitchuk IRA Council
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RESOLUTION IN THE OPPOSITION OF THE DONLIN GOLD MINING
RESOLUTION NO. 18-06-02

WHEREAS, We, the Federally Recognized Tribe of Native Village of Nunapitchuk are the founding aboriginal tribal people on the Kuskokwim River Drainage, and are fully committed to the protection of our cultural heritage, traditional values, subsistence priorities and economic values, environment, and fisheries and;

WHEREAS, We proclaim that our fisheries, animals, birds, and environment are essential to our cultural, nutritional, economical, and spiritual well-being and way of life; we commit to conserve, restore, and provide for our traditional hunting and fishing grounds based on indigenous knowledge systems and scientific principals in perpetuity and;

WHEREAS, We join the tribes of the Yukon-Kuskokwim River Alliance to assert our authority to continue practicing conservation, restoration, and equitable subsistence practices. To this end, we oppose development of the Donlin Gold Mine and;

WHEREAS, Opposition to the Donlin Gold Mine is based on the inevitable destruction of our traditional and cultural heritage practices of subsistence gathering on those lands affected by Donlin Gold Mine. It poses a threat to our environment and fisheries of the Yukon and Kuskokwim River that provide nutritional value to over 56 villages that store-bought food cannot provide. The discharge of toxics into Crooked Creek and the pit lake's required water treatment in perpetuity leaving grounds once rich with life left for dead. That loss will be left in the hands of our children, and our children's children and;

WHEREAS, We cannot support this future destruction, despite promises of environmentally safe protocols and procedures. Until it is proven safe industrial mining and development with guaranteed restoration within 20-30 years of development is possible worldwide our tribe cannot commit to operation of Donlin Gold Mine and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Native Village of Nunapitchuk, the federally recognized tribe of Nunapitchuk, opposes Donlin Gold Mine, for the risk of losing all that we value through the protection and preservation of our cultural heritage, traditional values, and subsistence way of life. The risk is too great for our tribe to approve Donlin Gold Mine at this time and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the passage of this resolution, we the Native Village of Nunapitchuk, the federally recognized tribe of Nunapitchuk, supports the Yukon-Kuskokwim River Alliance and Donlin Gold Working Group in efforts to protect and preserve the Yukon Kuskokwim River Drainage Delta.

CERTIFICATION:

This issue, coming before a vote of the Nunapitchuk Tribal Council on this 10th day of July, 2018 was _____ passed failed by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

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Wassilie Pleasant/President

Bernice Sallison/ Secretary