

Native Village of Nuiqsut

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RESOLUTION 2023-25

WHEREAS: the Nuiqsut Tribal Council is the governing body of the Native Village of Nuiqsut (NVN), a federally-recognized Tribe located in Alaska; and

WHEREAS: the Nuiqsut Tribal Council is charged with the responsibility of exercising the inherent right of self-determination for the NVN Tribe; and

WHEREAS: per the NVN Constitution Article VII, Section 1, the Council has the power:

- (1) To negotiate with tribal, federal, state, foreign, and local government agencies, and others on behalf of the Tribe and to advise and consult with all federal and state agencies and governmental entities on all matters which may affect the Tribe.
- (2) To promote and protect the health, education and general welfare of the members of the Tribe. . . .
- (5) To encourage, guard and foster traditional cultural practices of the Kuukpikmiut Native people, including arts, crafts, religion, language and customs. . . .
- (11) To safeguard and promote the peace, safety, morals, physical and general welfare of the members of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS: throughout the life of the Willow oil development project, the Tribe has passed several resolutions stating its position on that project and requesting certain mitigation measures to protect subsistence resources for Tribal members; and

WHEREAS: by letter dated January 25, 2023, the Tribe and the City of Nuiqsut sent a joint letter to the Bureau of Land Management outlining concerns with the Willow MDP Preliminary Final FSEIS Review (the "joint letter"); and

WHEREAS: by Resolution 23-13 dated December 18, 2023, the City of Nuiqsut withdrew its support for this joint letter.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Native Village of Nuiqsut withdraws its support for the joint letter dated January 25, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Native Village of Nuiqsut desires to reiterate its non-opposition of the Willow project so long as subsistence resources are protected; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Tribe relies on its prior Resolution 2015-06 as the official position of the Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

PASSED on this 19th day of December, 2023 with a quorum of 6 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.



Vernon Bennett
President



John Ipalook
Secretary

12/19/2023

Date

12/19/23

Date

