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## RESOLUTION 18-15

### A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE AMBLER ROAD PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, The Native Village of Kotzebue is a federally-recognized tribe and is the governing body of the Tribal members of Qikiqtagruk or Kotzebue, Alaska, and the Tribe ascribes to self-determination so as to render all services to be more responsive to needs and desires of the Native Village of Kotzebue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) is moving forward with the Ambler Road Project which will construct a road from the Dalton Highway to the Ambler Mining District for the purpose of providing access to 4 currently identified mining sites; and

**WHEREAS**, construction of the Ambler Road and likely additional spur roads and development of these mine sites and the associated industrial activity and tailings ponds will change the character of the upper Kobuk environment, including the Kobuk River; and

**WHEREAS**, these changes will negatively affect the caribou, fish, birds and other wildlife directly through habitat destruction, habitat fragmentation, industrial disturbance and contamination, during the life of the mines and for centuries thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, the wildlife and fish that will be harmed from this development sustain the cultural, nutritional and spiritual way of life of the Tribal members of Qikiqtagruk; and

**WHEREAS**, the Native Village of Kotzebue Council believes that the relatively short-term economic and other benefits of industrial development in the upper Kobuk region is outweighed by the widespread long-term negative impacts to the fish and wildlife that will result from this development.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Native Village of Kotzebue Council hereby formally expresses its opposition to the construction of the Ambler Road Project and the development of the associated Ambler Mining District for the reasons stated above.

### CERTIFICATION:

Resolution 18-15 is approved by a vote of the Native Village of Kotzebue, Kotzebue IRA Council on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018 by a vote of 5 for, 0 against, and 3 not voting.

  
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Robert J Schaeffer, Chairman

  
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York Mendenhall, Secretary