



Resolution 16-~~07~~-01

WHEREAS Orutsararmiut Native Council is the federally recognized Tribal Council for the Community of Bethel, Alaska AND

WHEREAS the residents of St. George Island have for generations depended upon the resources provided from the waters around their island for food, subsistence and their Cultural and Spiritual traditions AND

WHEREAS the waters in and around their island have long been recognized as one productive and significant ecological systems in the Bering Sea AND

WHEREAS they have observed declines of fish, marine birds and mammals that were once abundant and are currently at a level that causes grave concerns, these observations are supported by scientific data AND

WHEREAS these declines have adversely impacted their livelihood, their Cultural and Spiritual needs, putting at risk the future of their community

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that action is being taken to save their community, their way of life and resources they depend upon and they will immediately pursue all appropriate measures, including the creation of National Marine Sanctuary.

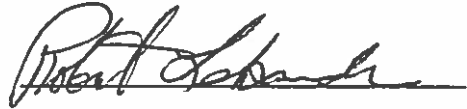
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ONC fully supports the St. George Council Resolution 07-01

CERTIFICATION

PASSED and APPROVED by a constituted quorum of the Orutsararmiut Native Council on this ____ day of _____ 2016 by a vote of ____ in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain.



Walter Jim, President



Robert Lekander, Secretary