

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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Referred: House Special Committee on Energy, Resources

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the Export-Import Bank of the United States to prioritize funding for domestic**
2 **projects, including the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas project, that do not compete with**
3 **long-term national export goals.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas project, managed by the Alaska
6 Gasline Development Corporation, is a critical initiative to develop and export liquefied
7 natural gas from the North Slope; and

8 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas project includes an 807-mile pipeline,
9 a gas treatment plant, and a liquefied natural gas facility with a capacity to export up to
10 20,000,000 metric tons a year of liquefied natural gas and is targeting first exports by 2031,
11 following a development agreement signed in January of 2025; and

12 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas project, in development for over a
13 decade, faces significant hurdles, including securing financing and obtaining certain
14 environmental approvals, and requires further support to advance; and

15 **WHEREAS** the Export-Import Bank of the United States approved a loan of

1 \$4,700,000,000 for the Mozambique liquefied natural gas project, led by TotalEnergies, with
2 a planned capacity of up to 43,000,000 metric tons a year targeting global markets, including
3 Asia; and

4 **WHEREAS**, while funding by the Export-Import Bank of the United States for the
5 Mozambique project supports jobs in the United States, the funding raises concerns about
6 competition with domestic liquefied natural gas projects, particularly the Alaska Liquefied
7 Natural Gas project, and the effect of the funding on national liquefied natural gas exports;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature is deeply concerned that prioritizing the
10 Mozambique liquefied natural gas project favors short-term job creation over the long-term
11 benefits of meeting global demand with domestic liquefied natural gas, especially in Asian
12 and Indo-Pacific markets; and

13 **WHEREAS** every molecule of liquefied natural gas exported from Mozambique
14 could reduce demand for state and domestic liquefied natural gas, potentially undermining the
15 energy security goals outlined by President Trump; and

16 **WHEREAS**, despite the job-supporting mission of the Export-Import Bank of the
17 United States, reports of human rights concerns tied to the Mozambique liquefied natural gas
18 project, including investigations into security-related abuses, complicate its alignment with
19 national interests;

20 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests the Export-Import
21 Bank of the United States to reconsider whether funding the Mozambique liquefied natural
22 gas project aligns with national energy security objectives and urges the bank to prioritize
23 domestic projects, including the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas project, that do not compete
24 with long-term national export goals; and be it

25 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Export-Import
26 Bank of the United States to provide the same support and consideration for the Alaska
27 Liquefied Natural Gas project as the bank is providing for the Mozambique liquefied natural
28 gas project, ensuring alignment with national interests amid competitive dynamics in the
29 global liquefied natural gas market.

30 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to James C. Cruse, Acting President and
31 Chair, Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States; and the Honorable Lisa

- 1 Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nicholas
- 2 Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.