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March 19, 2024

RE: Letter of Support for Nome Renewable Generation EPA CPRG Project

Dear Review Committee:

Kawerak, Inc., the Bering Strait regional Native non-profit, is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Nome Renewable Generation EPA CPRG Project.

The City of Nome, and the Village of Solomon, a federally recognized Alaska Native Tribe, share a strong and substantial commitment to provide renewable electric generation to community members in an economically efficient way. Our understanding is that the City of Nome is seeking funding from the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant for a project that is supported in the Alaska State Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) under *Community Electric Generation and Transmission Projects* under the measure for *Remote, Islanded Electric Grids*. The project is also supported in the Tribal PCAP for the Village of Solomon, Nome Eskimo Community, Native Village of Council, and King Island Native Community under the measure on *Energy Generation*. In addition, the project will support Goal 1, "Tackle the Climate Crisis" Objective 1.1, "Reduce Emissions that Cause Climate Change," of EPA's Strategic Plan.

The proposed project is the implementation of 3 EWT turbines at Cape Nome, 4MW/4MWH battery, and a 14-mile distribution line. The ability to provide renewable energy and grid resiliency will allow additional economic growth and affordable energy for future generations. Keeping electricity affordable is essential to making electrification truly beneficial and accessible to the region, including those with less financial resources.

We fully endorse the efforts of the City of Nome as they seek EPA funding to support goals designed to increase the region's energy prosperity and helping to meet our climate goals.

Sincerely,

Mary David on behalf of Melanie Bahnke

Melanie Bahnke
President/CEO
Kawerak, Inc.