



Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott
STATE OF ALASKA

September 26, 2018

The Honorable Bill Walker
Governor of Alaska

RE: Climate Action Leadership Team's recommended policy and action plan

Dear Governor Walker,

In recognition of the need for climate action, you signed Administrative Order 289 in October 2017. AO 289 established the Climate Action for Alaska Leadership Team (CALT), which was charged with providing guidance and recommended policy and actions for the Administration's consideration. Once the leadership team members were selected, they immediately got to work developing their recommended climate change policy and recommended action plan and engaging the broader Alaskan public. At the same time, the Cabinet Climate Team began to review their agencies' previous work on climate change while engaging with and providing input to the leadership team. Building off the CALT's priorities and their own expertise, the Cabinet Climate Team also began to develop early actions for your consideration. The efforts of the CALT and the Cabinet Climate Team complement each other.

The documents produced by the CALT are the best efforts of a group of Alaskans. The recommended Alaska Climate Change Action Plan contains several recommendations that may be suitable for near-term action and others that will require further analysis and consideration of economic impacts and interests of the State and public. Team members recognize the high cost of energy and fiscal challenges across the state and recommend a focus on affordable and sustainable energy with economic and other analyses as appropriate.

These recommendations should be considered as a step on a journey that spans generations and should be considered as evolving, not static. Both the CALT and the Cabinet Climate Team will continue to evaluate progress and options while also widening the circle to further engage and incorporate input from Alaskans. The Cabinet Climate Team has proposed several early actions that would demonstrate meaningful climate action from the State, signifying this Administration's recognition of the urgency of climate change and our commitment to strengthening Alaska's climate resilience.

As chair of the Climate Action Leadership Team, I've been impressed with the leadership team's tenacity and dedication to delivering recommendations that are rooted in local solutions but framed by a global awareness. At the foundation of our work is a desire for a stronger Alaska that provides countless opportunities for future generations.

I thank both teams for their efforts over the past nine months and you for your leadership in initiating this process. I look forward to our continued collaboration with Alaskans and our state departments.

Sincerely,



Byron Mallott
Lieutenant Governor
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