



TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE

# FULL BOARD RESOLUTIONS

Proposed 2021

## Proposed 2021 Full Board Resolutions Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors



To: TCC Member Entities

From: Resolutions Committee

Date: 2/19/2021

Thank you all for the submissions of proposed 2021 resolutions. The resolutions committee met on February 11, 2021. The point of the resolutions committee is to vet resolutions, suggest amendments and obtain tribal support before resolution day to ensure we have quality, agreeable and timely resolutions. The resolutions committee worked with the resolution sponsors for approved edits on most resolutions. Thank you to the sponsors for your prompt responses. The resolutions committee has very few comments as most the sponsors responded in time for the suggested changes.

The resolutions committee suggests that each council review the resolutions. If you come-up with proposed amendments please contact [Natasha.Singh@tananachiefs.org](mailto:Natasha.Singh@tananachiefs.org) or [Keith.Rueben@tananachiefs.org](mailto:Keith.Rueben@tananachiefs.org). We will then contact the resolution sponsor to seek approval of the amendment. We hope to complete as many amendments as possible before resolution day so that there is time for the debate and discussion on the subject matters that need more time.

At the end of the resolution packet there is one 2019 resolution the committee asked staff to report on this year.

We anticipate discussion on resolution 2021-05 regarding IRHA elections and resolutions 2021-11 and 2021-12 regarding Executive Board term limits.

**Resolution #: 2021-01**

**DIRECTIVE AND AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A TRIBAL PEACE  
OFFICER PROGRAM**

**Comments:**

**Recommendation:**

Do Pass

## DIRECTIVE AND AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A TRIBAL PEACE OFFICER PROGRAM

- WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC's Full Board of Directors have passed numerous resolutions over the last 10 years directing TCC to improve and strengthen public safety in the rural communities they represent; and
- WHEREAS,** In November 2013, the Federal Indian Law & Order Commission's report called it "essential" for the State of Alaska to devolve authority to Alaska Native communities to address local crimes; called safety in Tribal communities the "worst" in of all of the U.S.A, and called Alaska's approach to criminal justice issues "fundamentally on the wrong track;" and
- WHEREAS,** In July of 2019, former U.S. Attorney General William Barr declared a law enforcement emergency in rural Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** Despite the Indian Law and Order Commission's 2013 report and call for action, former U.S. Attorney General Barr's July 2019 declaration, and numerous media reports on the public safety crisis in Alaska Native communities, rural Alaska still faces higher rates of violent crimes, sexual abuse, elder abuse, child abuse, alcohol/drug related crimes, and limited law enforcement presence; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC's Full Board of Directors can no longer wait for the public safety system that continues to fail Alaska Natives to fix itself; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC's Full Board of Directors realizes that it, on behalf of the communities they represent and through TCC, must develop and strengthen rural public safety and law enforcement presence within the TCC Region to fulfill each sovereign nation's responsibility to protect its tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** Each TCC member that is a federally recognized tribe, as a sovereign nation, through their inherent tribal authority, may authorize their own Public Safety department and/or cross-deputized tribal peace officers to enforce their tribal laws; and

**WHEREAS,** Law enforcement presence coupled with the philosophy of “Community Policing” is a powerful tool to address substance abuse, child neglect, criminal activity, domestic violence and other public safety issues, such as search and rescue and prevention/outreach; and

**WHEREAS,** TCC’s Full Board of Directors believes that establishing a Tribal Peace Officer Program to serve the TCC Region will improve public safety.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors authorizes and directs TCC, on behalf of the federally recognized Tribes they represent, to establish a Tribal Peace Officer program, which is aligned with the “Community Policing” philosophies and the traditional values of the Tribes in the TCC Region.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 18, 2021 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Jerry Isaac**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

**Submitted by:** Executive Board

**Resolution #: 2021-02**

**THANKING THE DENALI COMMISSION FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN  
SUBMITTING THE NORTHWAY BROADBAND PROJECT  
APPLICATION TO THE USDA COMMUNITY CONNECT PROGRAM**

**Comments:**

**Recommendation:**

Do Pass

## THANKING THE DENALI COMMISSION FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN SUBMITTING THE NORTHWAY BROADBAND PROJECT APPLICATION TO THE USDA COMMUNITY CONNECT PROGRAM

**WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of Alaska consistently scores as one of the least served states in the country for access to broadband and within Alaska, the Interior as a region is especially lacking in internet options; and

**WHEREAS,** The cost of developing and submitting an application to the USDA Community Connect Grant Program is normally prohibitively expensive due to the complexity of the grant; and

**WHEREAS,** The community of Northway is unique in their location only 50 miles from the Canadian border with a main fiber backbone line owned by Matanuska Telephone Association (MTA) running directly through the community; and

**WHEREAS,** Because of the support provided by the Denali Commission, Northway Village Council was able to submit a proposal that will fund a broadband fiber buildout to every residence, business and community facility in the community of Northway, Alaska and establish an MOU with Matanuska Telephone Association to act as out internet service provider should the project receive funding; and

**WHEREAS,** TCC seeks to provide support across the region to improve internet access.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of directors would like to express our sincere thanks to the Denali Commission for their support in funding the application costs to towards the Northway Fiber Buildout project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference greatly appreciates the Denali Commissions' support for their continued commitment to improving infrastructure across rural Alaska.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 18, 2021 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Jerry Isaac**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

**Submitted by:** Northway Village Council

PROPOSED



**Resolution #: 2021-03**

**URGENT NEED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ALASKA NATIVE  
PILOTS AND AIRFRAME MECHANICS**

**Comments:**

**Recommendation:**

Do Pass

## URGENT NEED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ALASKA NATIVE PILOTS AND AIRFRAME MECHANICS

- WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and
- WHEREAS,** There is a limited number of Alaska Native pilots and airframe mechanics working in Interior Alaska, flying 'bush planes' to the rural villages across the state. With the bankruptcy of RAVN Alaska in 2019, rural villages also face less flights for both passenger and freight routes; and
- WHEREAS,** Rural villages are dependent on air transportation. The livelihood of all residents depends on frequent safe flights to villages to ensure that residents have access for medical, public safety, groceries/necessities, mail and transportation; and
- WHEREAS,** Many rural villages in the Region have no over-land roads so they rely heavily on air transportation. The Alaska pilot/mechanic population is around 8,000 - 1% of the state's residents are currently pilots. Pilots are in high demand, as many rural village airlines need pilots. According to the FAA, over the last three decades, the number of pilots has decreased by 30 percent; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal governments and TCC have been collaboratively working to improve rural village's access to air transportation for a handful of years. The rural airlines that serve our region have participated in round-table discussions with Tribal leaders and have expressed their challenges for meeting the rural village needs, including safety issues, lack of pilots, and lack of airplanes; and
- WHEREAS,** It is in the best interest of all rural communities for TCC to develop a program/process that promotes and increases the amount of Alaska Native pilots and airframe mechanics we have serving Rural Alaska. Air transportation is a vital part of rural Alaskan life, and the need for bush pilots and air transportation will not decrease, and by growing our career pathways, the Region can ensure that village access for public safety, medical, and personal is possible and improving.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs TCC to partner with the rural airline companies that serve villages in the Region and other Interior Alaska Native entities and vocational/educational institutions, including our statewide post-secondary institutions of higher education to significantly increase the recruitment and retention of Alaska Native pilots and airframe mechanics in Alaska; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that subject to the availability of funds, the TCC Full Board of Directors encourages and supports the individual and collective efforts of our Interior Alaska Native organizations to explore, create, deliberately align and maintain long-term initiatives to develop and retain Alaska Native pilots/mechanics by dedicating innovative projects, culturally-based programs, accessible scholarships, relevant professional learning opportunities, and a shared vision to systematically increase and improve the access to air transportation for our children, our communities, our region and Alaska.

### **CERTIFICATION**

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**Jerry Isaac**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Submitted by:** Nulato Tribal Council

**Resolution #: 2021-04**

**IMPROVING ACCESS TO HOTLINE SERVICES TO ADDRESS  
PARTNER VIOLENCE**

**Comments:**

We will share with other Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) and Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) entities to contribute to the wording.

**Recommendation:**

Do Pass

## IMPROVING ACCESS TO HOTLINE SERVICES TO ADDRESS PARTNER VIOLENCE

- WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and
- WHEREAS,** In Alaska, there is no state-wide 911 response system for immediate assistance. There is no local and/or state-wide toll free hotline for a person that is being victimized from domestic violence and/or sexual assault within the State of Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** Alaska has the third-highest intimate partner violence against women lifetime prevalence in the United States. 43.3% of Alaska women and 30.2% of Alaska men experience intimate partner violence in their lifetimes; and
- WHEREAS,** Alaska has the largest Native population as a percent of total population in the United States, and more than 84% of American Indian/Alaska Native women experience violence during their lifetimes; and
- WHEREAS,** Many tribal communities are geographically isolated and/or long distances from the nearest Trooper Post or Hospital, making all resources/services more challenging to access during an emergency. Response to rural villages can take days during adverse travel times; and
- WHEREAS,** The National Domestic Violence Hotline reported that despite the high rates of violence experienced by AI/AN persons, only a small percentage reached out for assistance to the national hotline number; and
- WHEREAS,** The National Hotline partnered with the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, to develop a program for a Native hotline developed and run by Native advocates to support tribal communities across the United States. In 2019, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families and stakeholders made that possible with the creation of the StrongHearts Native Helpline; and

**WHEREAS,** StrongHearts is a culturally-appropriate, anonymous, confidential service dedicated to service AI/AN survivors of domestic violence and concerned family members and friends. By dialing 1-844-7NATIVE, available daily from 4am to 7pm AKST; and

**WHEREAS,** The tribal communities would strongly benefit from developing a formal partnership with StrongHearts to include accurate and culturally relevant programs/resources to the StrongHearts Referral Database, and promoting the hotline Regionally and Statewide; and

**WHEREAS,** Survivors of intimate partner violence need and deserve hotline advocates that can answer their calls 24/7, 365 days a year. Alaska has the highest homicide rate for female victims killed by a male perpetrator in the Nation and 65% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors direct TCC to coordinate a formal partnership between the Tribes in the Region and StrongHearts Native Hotline to improve Alaska Native victims access to safety and services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors encourages TCC to apply for funding and create a position and/or partner with our Interior Alaska Native organization to retain Hotline Advocate positions that could partner with StrongHearts and answer Alaska based calls 24/7, 365 days a year.

## **CERTIFICATION**

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**Jerry Isaac**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Resolution #: 2021-05**

**INTERIOR REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONER  
ELECTIONS**

**Comments:**

This resolution was submitted for discussion purposes.

The resolutions committee clarified this will not limit IRHA Commission candidates from eligibility. It was thought not to exclude potential candidates as it could exclude housing experts.

The elections committee reviewed the resolution. The elections committee expressed caution that the resolution could potentially lead to exclusion based on funding in the TCC region. Concern was expressed that tribes that don't have health funding at TCC might be asked to be excluded from voting on TCC elections.

**Recommendation:**

Please consider at the tribal council level.

**Beaver Tribal Council pulled this resolution on March 1, 2021.**

## INTERIOR REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS

**WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and

**WHEREAS,** Interior Tribes, Fairbanks Native Association, and Tok Native Association are concerned about the housing crisis experienced across rural Alaska; and

**WHEREAS,** The Interior Regional Housing Authority is a “Tribally Designated Housing Entity,” a designation under NAHASDA whereby 30 tribes and Doyon have given authority to IRHA via resolution to receive grant amounts and provide assistance for affordable housing activities for Native people in the Interior; and

**WHEREAS,** Nulato, Loudon, Tanana, Rampart, Gwichyaa Zhee, Arctic Village and Venetie have not designated IRHA to receive NAHASDA funding; and

**WHEREAS,** The IRHA Board of Commissioners should be accountable to the tribes and communities they serve; and

**WHEREAS,** TCC elections rules mandate how IRHA commissioners are elected.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors strongly encourages the IRHA Board of Commissioners to host an annual meeting, and adopt transparent reporting to tribes on revenue, budgets and spending and other items as to be suggested by the tribes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** Starting in 2021, only those communities that designate IRHA as their Tribally Designated Housing Authority, shall be eligible to vote for the Board of Commissioners in IRHA elections. Fairbanks Native Association will vote for Fairbanks.

### **CERTIFICATION**

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**Jerry Isaac**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

**Submitted by:** Beaver Tribal Council

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**Resolution #: 2021-06**

**ACKNOWLEDGING PROFESSOR KEVIN ILLINGWORTH'S  
CONTRIBUTION TO TRIBAL SELF-DETERMINATION AND  
EDUCATION OF TRIBAL CITIZENS**

**Comments:**

Edits were made to fit the wording on an 11 x 17 paper to be framed. Per the Eboard, staff is directed to frame and present resolution at the 2021 Convention so the necessary COVID precautions need to be planned.

**Recommendation:**

Do Pass

## ACKNOWLEDGING PROFESSOR KEVIN ILLINGWORTH'S CONTRIBUTION TO TRIBAL SELF-DETERMINATION AND EDUCATION OF TRIBAL CITIZENS

**WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and

**WHEREAS,** After receiving his Juris Doctorate in 2000 from the University of Idaho College of Law, Kevin Illingworth committed his career to assisting Tribal Governments and Tribal Judicial Systems. He has served as faculty for the Tribal Governance Program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks since 2002, serving many years as the only full-time faculty of the program, and achieved full Professor in 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** Under Professor Illingworth, the Tribal Governance Program has grown to maintain a continued collaborative partnership with TCC to maximize resources to promote knowledge, skills, and understanding to advance tribal sovereignty; strengthen tribal governance, self-determination, self-governance in practice; technical assistance and education to tribal priorities/requests. In this capacity he has provided meaningful education to hundreds of Tribal Leaders and Citizens through invaluable courses, trainings, guest lectures, and technical assistance specifically designed to meet Tribal needs and most importantly elevated the elders and cultural bearers as educational experts; and

**WHEREAS,** He was instrumental in the development of the documentaries, *Alaska Tribes: The Story of Federal Indian Law in Alaska*, *Tribal Nations: The Story of Federal Indian Law*; and he co-authored Alaska Code Development Project Training Curriculum and contributed to the book, *The Tanana Chiefs: Native Rights and Western Laws*. He is also a proponent of Alaska Native Hunting and Fishing Rights as demonstrated in his work, "A Brief Explanation of Aboriginal Hunting and Fishing Rights and Tribal Hunting and Fishing Rights"; and

**WHEREAS,** Professor Illingworth is a co-organizer of the TCC Annual Tribal Court Conference, and contributes to the Tribal Governance Symposiums which both are known statewide for excellence; has provided direct technical assistance in: Federal Indian Law, Tribal Law, Jurisdiction,

and Courts, Tribal Child Welfare, Tribal Governance, Advocacy, Leadership, and Wellness, Tribal Self-Determination Contracting/Compacting, Tribal Administration/Program/Project Management, Finance, and Budgeting, Tribal Strategic/Stewardship/Land Use Planning and Program Development, Tribal Engagement with State and Federal Legislators, Administrations, and Agencies; and

**WHEREAS,** His contributions have been noted by the 2017 Cheesh'na Tribal Blanket and Award of Appreciation for Service, 2013 National Judicial College Award for service, 2009 Dennis Demmert Award for exemplary commitment and service to students, and 2005, 2006 Certificate of Honor Judicial Services Workgroup for the US Congressionally appointed Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors acknowledges the great contributions of Professor Kevin Illingworth to Tribal Self-Determination in Alaska and the advancement of the Tribal Governance Program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the continued education of Tribal Citizens.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 18, 2021 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Jerry Isaac**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Resolution #: 2021-07**

**THANKING THE ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY AND DENALI  
COMMISSION FOR CRITICAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT**

**Comments:**

**Recommendation:**

Do Pass

## THANKING THE ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY AND DENALI COMMISSION FOR CRITICAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

**WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and

**WHEREAS,** The Interior of Alaska has been ranked as one of the most underserved regions of the state with regard to past infrastructure funding spent by the Denali Commission and the Alaska Energy Authority; and

**WHEREAS,** Communities in our region are struggling with the high cost of electricity produced from outdated power plants and bulk fuel systems that have been impacted by changing river dynamics and transportation systems; and

**WHEREAS,** We appreciate the support of staff and leadership at the Alaska Energy Authority and Denali Commission who have been very committed to supporting infrastructure needs in the Interior.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Full Board of Directors would like to express our full and sincere thanks to the Alaska Energy Authority and the Denali Commission for the Design and Construction funding for Rural Power System Upgrade (RPSU) Projects in Rampart and Nikolai and our Bulk Fuel project in Beaver; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we would like to respectfully request that the Alaska Energy Authority and Denali Commission continue to work with the tribal leadership and Tanana Chiefs Conference to secure Construction funds for the future projects.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 18, 2021 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Jerry Isaac**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

**Submitted by:** Beaver Village Council

PROPOSED

**Resolution #: 2021-08**

**URGENT NEED FOR A 'HIGH-LEVEL CARE' RESIDENTIAL LIVING HOME FOR ALASKA NATIVES THAT SUFFER FROM SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS**

**Comments:**

**Recommendation:**

Do Pass



## URGENT NEED FOR A 'HIGH-LEVEL CARE' RESIDENTIAL LIVING HOME FOR ALASKA NATIVES THAT SUFFER FROM SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS

- WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and
- WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference is the healthcare organization that provides medical, behavioral, and mental health services in the Region; and
- WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference currently provides housing to eligible clients at the Paul William's House, a residential supportive living home for adults with a variety of psychiatric conditions. The level of care at the Paul William's House does not meet the needs of all clients, as each client level of care need differs, and some clients need an intensive level of care coordination and case management; and
- WHEREAS,** Center for Disease Control and Prevention reported that overall American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) report higher rates of frequent distress-nearly 13% compared to nearly 9% of the general population; the findings suggesting that AI/AN experience greater psychological distress than the overall population in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** Alaska Natives history with colonization, oppression, discrimination, the kidnapping of children, language, and traditions, has contributed to the significant representation among populations with high need for mental health care; and
- WHEREAS,** AI/AN have the second highest rate of homelessness in the United States. The National Coalition for Homelessness estimates that 25% of homeless people have a severe mental illness; and
- WHEREAS,** The adults with severe mental illnesses are further divided into two subgroups: those with a persistent, disabling, psychotic disorder, a chronic mental illness, and those with a persistent, disabling, non-psychotic disorder, a severely emotionally disturbed adult; and

**WHEREAS,** There is a need for high-level care and coordination of services for the severely psychotic mentally ill to receive long term care to prevent the increasing numbers of homelessness in Alaska Native People.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors direct TCC to partner with Interior tribal organizations that serve villages in the Region and other Interior Alaska Native entities and mental health facilities, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, including residential facilities to significantly expand and provide the level of care and coordination of AI/AN people that suffer from severe mental illness and need intensive coordination of care and case management including a residential facility that provides housing and other social support services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that subject to the availability of funds, the TCC Full Board of Directors encourages and supports the individual and collective efforts of our Interior Alaska Native organizations to undertake a feasibility study, and deliberately align and maintain long-term initiatives to develop a 'High-Level Care' Residential Living Facility for those with severe needs that do not qualify for services at Paul William's House, and/or need more intensive care than provided in that facility.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 18, 2021 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Jerry Isaac**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

**Resolution #: 2021-09**

**CALLING FOR AN ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS THE HUMAN RIGHTS  
CRISIS OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND  
MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE**

**Comments:**

Resolutions 2021-09, 2021-18 and 2021-19 have been combined. The combination of the resolutions is 2021-09.

**Recommendation:**

Do Pass

## CALLING FOR AN ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS THE HUMAN RIGHTS CRISIS OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

- WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and
- WHEREAS,** The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) refers to the human rights crisis which disproportionately impacts Indigenous people that are victims of violence, disappear without appropriate investigation, and murdered across all age and gender groups. Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) includes men, both crisis are important and separate issues, as there is additional history regarding 'stolen sisters' and victimization of Alaska Native women and girls; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States Department of Justice found that Alaska Native/American Indian (AN/AI) women face murder rates that are more than 10 times the national average. Homicide is the 3rd leading cause of death of Indigenous people ages 10-24, and the 4th leading cause of death of people ages 25-34. Four in five AN/AI women and girls experience violence in their lifetimes. Additionally, 86.1% of the perpetrators in the murders of AN/AI women were not intimate partner related. This incursion of violence onto our most sacred, must be spoken about and responded to now; and
- WHEREAS,** The impacts of colonialism and the continued oppression of Native communities creates historical and intergenerational trauma that continues to adversely affect Indigenous individuals, families, and communities; and
- WHEREAS,** According to the Violent Death Reporting System between 2015 and 2019, the AN/AI population (19% of Alaska's overall population) make up 10% of the homicide victims and 5% of law enforcement intervention death victims, representing 40% of the overall violent deaths; and
- WHEREAS,** According to Data for Indigenous Justice, there are 149 missing women and 89 unsolved murder cases for a total of 229 families with

no answers. The Urban Indian Health Institute also reported 506 cases across 71 urban cities, not including rural data. Of those cases, 128 were classified as 'missing', 280 classified as 'murdered', and 98 had 'unknown statuses'. Anchorage, Alaska was identified as one of the highest reported MMIW cities during the research; and

**WHEREAS,** Due to inconsistent tracking and monitoring, these numbers are racially misclassified, underreported, and/or not tracked at all leading to disparities in data, which impacts how we are served by law enforcement. The investigation into these persons requires a high degree of commitment and cooperation among Tribal, State, and Federal law enforcement, that does not exist at this time; and

**WHEREAS,** Delayed investigation into deaths has led to many murders being mislabeled, mishandled and delayed which dishonors victims and endanger communities by leaving dangerous predators in our communities; and

**WHEREAS,** On November 26, 2019, the President of the United States, issued Executive Order 13898, Establishing the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives to “enhance the operation of the criminal justice system and address the legitimate concerns of AN/AI communities regarding missing and murdered people – particularly missing and murdered indigenous women and girls” known as Operation Lady Justice; and

**WHEREAS,** There has been a significant increase in the amount of missing Alaska Native persons in Interior Alaska, and many of these missing persons cases have not been classified as criminal investigations, leaving the search responsibilities to the families; and

**WHEREAS,** The Interior tribes recognizes that domestic violence and sexual violence dehumanizes women and children and is the root cause of the MMIW crisis.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to coordinate with the state, federal, local, and tribal governments to develop an action plan which includes initiatives to:

- 1) Swiftly respond to death or missing Native people through active criminal investigations and follow-up; and
- 2) Increase information sharing and coordinated resources and research to develop best practices for conducting searches for missing persons in rural communities and in village hubs, including Fairbanks and Anchorage, developing standards on collection, reporting, and analysis of data on unidentified human

remains, and guidelines stating all appropriate information related to MMIW & MMIP be entered in a timely manner into ALL applicable databases; and

- 3) Immediately create a 1-800 statewide call in number to log all missing person's cases with pertinent information, which will be inserted into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and National Missing Unidentified Persons System (NaMus) with established protocols no later than 72 hours from receiving the report; and
- 4) Form a Missing Persons Taskforce including other Native entities to actively seek, and provide awareness to the community and further the mission of protecting our women, girls, and other Alaska Native persons at-risk of victimization and amplify search efforts through TCC communications and present progress at the 2022 annual convention; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors acknowledge the differences in Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, which include children, and Missing and Murdered Indigenous People, which include men, and will address them together and separately when appropriate as best practices and research dictate.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 18, 2021 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Jerry Isaac**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Submitted by:** Beaver Village Council, Healy Lake Council, Koyukuk Village Council

**Resolution #: 2021-10**

**STATE SUPPORT FOR TRANSPORTING THE DECEASED TO THEIR  
FINAL RESTING PLACE**

**Comments:**

Traditional people don't want their deceased loved ones traveling home in a cardboard box. It is the states' responsibility to assist.

**Recommendation:**

Do Pass

## STATE SUPPORT FOR TRANSPORTING THE DECEASED TO THEIR FINAL RESTING PLACE

**WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and

**WHEREAS,** Currently when the State of Alaska takes a deceased tribal member out of the village to the medical examiner, the State's support for the return of the deceased to the village is limited to the cost of freight of the body; and

**WHEREAS,** Families are responsible to pay the difference even though it is State law that requires the body to be taken to the examiner, and the difference is often thousands of dollars because sending a loved one via freight without a casket is usually not appropriate to those in grief and mourning; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition if someone makes over a certain amount a month, the State of Alaska denies burial assistance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors direct staff to advocate for the State of Alaska to modify the burial assistance monthly income limit and increase the State's obligations to support for transporting the deceased to their final resting place.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 18, 2021 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Jerry Isaac**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*





## Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Division of Public Assistance

Health and Social Services > Public Assistance > General Relief Assistance

### **General Relief Assistance (GRA)**

General Relief Assistance (GRA) is designed to meet basic needs of Alaskans in emergency situations. Basic needs include shelter, utilities, food, and clothing. Limited funds for a dignified burial of a deceased needy person may also be provided. The GRA program is 100% state-funded. Because state funds are limited, the program is used as a last resort in providing basic needs to an individual or household. GRA is only available if a household's emergency need cannot be met by any other programs or agencies. Except for burial assistance, payment is limited to a maximum of \$120 for each household member. Payments are always provided to a vendor; they are never provided directly to the GRA household.

#### **TO BE ELIGIBLE:**

##### **Immediate and Specific Need**

- The household must have an immediate and specific need for shelter (eviction notice), utilities (shut-off notice), food, clothing, or burial.

##### **No Other Resources**

- The household must not have the ability to use other resources, either in the form of cash on hand, credit, or eligibility for other assistance programs, to provide for basic needs.

##### **Age**

- The person must be an adult or eligible minor. Persons under the age of 18 may apply for GRA if they are married or living apart from their parents and managing their own financial affairs.

##### **Alaska Residency**

- The person must be an Alaska resident at the time of application.

##### **US Citizenship or Eligible Immigrant Status**

- The person must be a US citizen or legal alien

## **Financial Need**

- The household must meet resource limits. Resources for a General Relief (GR) household cannot exceed \$500.00. Resources include liquid assets (such as cash, savings, stocks, or bonds) and real or personal property. Resources do not include home property, property that is up for sale, property which is producing income, property necessary to employment, and a vehicle such as an automobile or motorcycle.
- The household must meet income limits. Income limits for GRA depend on household size. A household's net monthly income cannot exceed the amounts shown in the table below.

<b><u>GRA Maximum Need Standards:</u></b>	
<b>Number of Persons</b>	<b>Maximum Need Standards</b>
1	\$300
2	\$400
3	\$500

**{Add \$100 for each additional household member.}**

**Resolution #: 2021-11**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD TERM LIMITS**

**Comments:**

**Recommendation:**

Please consider at the tribal council level.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD TERM LIMITS

**WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and

**WHEREAS,** Currently the TCC Bylaws dictate the term limits for the Executive Board. Article Five, Section 2 states officers shall serve three-year terms; Article Seven, Section 3 Subregional directors shall have 3 year terms; and

**WHEREAS,** The Executive Board serves without term limits, resulting in board members serving on TCC for several consecutive terms which limits the variety of ideas and oversight from across the region; and

**WHEREAS,** When new leaders are interested, the tribes often do not want to disrespect the current Executive Board members by not voting for the leader; and

**WHEREAS,** The Full Board should have more of an active role on the Executive Board but the three year terms and the lack of term limits prevents the Full Board from understanding TCC planning and programs.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors seek a bylaw change in 2022 to limit Executive Board members to two, two-year terms.

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 18, 2021 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Jerry Isaac**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

**Resolution #: 2021-12**

**REVISE ELECTION RULES TO LIMIT EXECUTIVE BOARD TO TWO  
CONSECUTIVE TERMS**

**Comments:**

**Recommendation:**

Please consider at the tribal council level.

## REVISE ELECTIONS RULES TO LIMIT EXECUTIVE BOARD TO TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS

- WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and
- WHEREAS,** The TCC Bylaws dictate the length of the Executive Board terms, both the officers and subregional directors serve 3 year terms without a term limit; and
- WHEREAS,** The Executive Board serves without term limits, resulting in board members serving on TCC for several consecutive terms which limits the variety of ideas and oversight from across the region; and
- WHEREAS,** When new leaders are interested, the tribes often do not want to disrespect the current Executive Board members by not voting for the leader; and
- WHEREAS,** The Full Board should have more of an active role on the Executive Board but the three year terms and the lack of term limits prevents the Full Board from understanding TCC planning and programs.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors seek an election rule change in 2022 which prevents executive board members from serving more than two consecutive terms.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 18, 2021 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Jerry Isaac**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

**Resolution #: 2021-13**

**REPLACING DEROGATORY NAMES TO THE ORIGINAL INDIGENOUS  
NAME**

**Comments:**

**Recommendation:**

Do Pass

## REPLACING DEROGATORY NAMES TO THE ORIGINAL INDIGENOUS NAME

**WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and

**WHEREAS,** The original inhabitants of this area are the Dene' people; and

**WHEREAS,** Before contact with western civilization, the indigenous people of our territory had native names for all the areas that they utilized; and

**WHEREAS,** After contact the United States governments and the State of Alaska gave certain names to places that are derogatory and offensive to our people; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tanana River has a place above the Native Village of Tanana that is called "Squaw Crossing" which defined is an ethnic and sexual slur historically used for Indigenous North American women and similar place names exist across the region.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to create a record of tribal requests to change the place names to their original indigenous names, prioritizing those that are derogatory.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 18, 2021 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Jerry Isaac**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*



**Resolution #: 2021-14**

**CARING FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS**

**Comments:**

**Recommendation:**

Do Pass

## CARING FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS

- WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC shall promote and protect the health and general welfare of our tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC compacts and contracts for Health Service funding for qualified members of the TCC Region; and
- WHEREAS,** In the past Indian Health Service had a hospital located in Tanana, Alaska that provided health care from Birth to Death for our Native people; and
- WHEREAS,** The TCC Region does not own a hospital that can provide for terminally ill patients for long term care; and
- WHEREAS,** Families and friends from villages and urban centers are left to provide for their terminally ill loved one's care; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC does not have adequate plans to address the need for longer term care for terminally ill patients.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to create a plan that would include housing and nursing care that is needed to care for tribal members that are terminally ill.

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 18, 2021 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Jerry Isaac**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

**Submitted by:** Tanana Tribal Council

**Resolution #: 2021-15**

**CONTRACTOR TO ASSIST TRIBES WITH APPOINTMENTS AND  
ERRANDS**

**Comments:**

**Recommendation:**

Do Pass

## CONTRACTOR TO ASSIST TRIBES WITH APPOINTMENTS AND ERRANDS

**WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and

**WHEREAS,** Currently tribal members in residential facilities in Fairbanks do not have adequate escorts or transportation to and from appointments and TCC does not have the staff capacity to provide this service; and

**WHEREAS,** Tribes are in need of a service to run errands to vendors and other tribal and tribal member business located in Fairbanks; and

**WHEREAS,** TCC has the ability to run a background check and set-up the necessary accounting paperwork so that a tribe can hire an individual on assignment basis for escorts and errands.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to advertise or seek individual contractor(s) and undertake the necessary background checks and accounting paper work so that the tribe is able to easily hire on assignment.

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 18, 2021 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Jerry Isaac**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

**Resolution #: 2021-16**

**PARTNER WITH FAIRBANKS NATIVE ASSOCIATION'S COMMUNITY  
SERVICE PROGRAM**

**Comments:**

Resolution 2019-20 TCC to Assist FNA to Enter Into a BIA Title IV Compact for Welfare Assistance and Social Services. Similar BIA resolution.

**Recommendation:**

Do Pass

## **PARTNER WITH FAIRBANKS NATIVE ASSOCIATION'S COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

- WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) was incorporated in the late 1960's to advocate on behalf of the Alaska Native people of the TCC region, and later empowered under PL 93-638 to be the major health and community services provider in the region; and
- WHEREAS,** The Fairbanks Native Association (FNA) was also incorporated in the late 1960's to advocate on behalf of the Alaska Native people of the community of Fairbanks, and later empowered to be a significant provider of behavioral health, education, and community services in the Fairbanks Native community; and
- WHEREAS,** FNA operates a Community Services program to provide assistance for the benefit of Alaska Native and American Indian people in the Fairbanks North Star Borough through a self-determination Title One Contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and
- WHEREAS,** Over the past twenty years there has been a significant increase in the Alaska Native and American Indian population of the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and
- WHEREAS,** Over the past twenty years the BIA has not sufficiently increased funding for FNA's Community Services programs while the "need" for Welfare Assistance and Social Services in the Fairbanks North Star Borough has significantly increased; and
- WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference currently operates a Title IV Compact from the BIA to provide services throughout the TCC region.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors work in partnership with Fairbanks Native Association to assure that Tribal members of the TCC region residing in or visiting the Fairbanks North Star Borough can gain access to assistance and social services programs.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 18, 2021 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Jerry Isaac**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

**Submitted by:** Arctic Village and Venetie

PROPOSED

## **TCC TO ASSIST FNA TO ENTER INTO A BIA TITLE IV COMPACT FOR WELFARE ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

- WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tanana Chiefs Conference was incorporated in 1968 to advocate on behalf of the Alaska Native people of the TCC region, and later empowered under PL 93-638 to be the major health and community services provider in the region; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fairbanks Native Association (FNA) was also incorporated in 1968 to advocate on behalf of the Alaska Native people of the community of Fairbanks, and later empowered to be a significant provider of community services in the Fairbanks Native community; and
- WHEREAS,** FNA operates a Community Services program to provide Social Services and Welfare Assistance for the benefit of Alaska Native and American Indian people in the Fairbanks North Star Borough through a self-determination Title One Contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA); and
- WHEREAS,** over the past twenty years there has been a significant increase in the Alaska Native and American Indian population of the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and
- WHEREAS,** over the past twenty years the BIA has not sufficiently increased funding for FNA's Community Services program while the "need" for Welfare Assistance and Social Services in the Fairbanks North Star Borough has significantly increased; and
- WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference currently operates a Title IV Compact from the BIA to provide services throughout the TCC villages.



**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of directors directs staff to work in partnership with FNA and the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of Self-Governance for the purpose of addressing FNA's unmet funding needs for the Alaska Native and American Indian people of the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Fairbanks Native Association directs the Tanana Chiefs Conference to research the possibilities of FNA entering into a Title IV Compact for Welfare Assistance and Social Services.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 14, 2019 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.



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**Jerry Isaac**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Submitted by:** Fairbanks Native Association

**Resolution #: 2021-17**

**ACKNOWLEDGING THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE  
NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND ANCHORAGE OFFICE**

**Comments:**

**Recommendation:**

Do Pass

## ACKNOWLEDGING THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND ANCHORAGE OFFICE

**WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and

**WHEREAS,** The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) has provided legal assistance to Indian tribes, organizations, and individuals nationwide who might otherwise have gone without adequate representation since 1970. NARF has successfully asserted and defended the most important rights of Indians and tribes in hundreds of major cases, and has achieved significant results in such critical areas as tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, natural resource protection, and Indian education; and

**WHEREAS,** NARF's five priority areas for legal assistance include preserving tribal existence; protecting tribal natural resources; promoting Native American human rights; holding governments accountable to Native Americans; and developing Indian law and educating the public about Indian rights, laws, and issues; and

**WHEREAS,** NARF first opened its Anchorage office in 1984 and has since been a recognized resource for Alaska tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** NARF has worked in partnership with Interior tribes on numerous issues of critical importance including seeking permanent protection of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; advocating on behalf of the Bering Sea Western Interior Tribal Commission in the Central Yukon and Bering Sea Western Management planning processes, and their efforts to ensure tribal government prioritization for the \$8 billion in emergency aid set aside to combat the coronavirus pandemic; and

**WHEREAS,** NARF vigilantly monitors attempts to impinge upon the rights of Alaska Native tribes and people including a provision of state law that required voters to have a witness sign their mail-in ballot envelop and also the State of Alaska's challenge to a federal decision to allow the Organized Village of Kake to hunt out of season during the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS,** NARF continues to be a strong partner to the tribes of the Interior in offering legal assistance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors acknowledges the significant contributions of Native American Rights Fund for upholding Tribal Self-Determination in Alaska and directs staff to continue to partner with the Native American Rights Fund Alaska, and subject to the availability of funds, continue to donate to the office.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 18, 2021 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Jerry Isaac**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

**Submitted by:** Arctic Village and Venetie

**Previous Resolution for Staff  
Reporting in 2021**

**FAMILY TREATMENT CENTER IN TANANA**  
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-27

**WHEREAS,** the Tanana Tribal Council is the federally recognized tribal governing body for the tribal members of the Native Village of Tanana; and

**WHEREAS,** most if not all, villages in the Tanana Chiefs Conference/Doyon Region, suffer from alcohol and drug abuse issues stemming from trauma, which has recently resulted in a higher rate of suicides in our region; and

**WHEREAS,** there are not adequate amounts of in-patient Family Treatment Centers located in the Interior of Alaska to meet the high demand for long term treatment in a rural area; and

**WHEREAS,** Tanana aka Nuchalawoyya, “Where the Two Rivers Meet”, is a traditional meeting place for the region and we believe that a Yukon River based Family Healing Center, designed by, and belonging to, the Dene People of the villages, is the key to success in providing the tools for people and families to heal from addiction and trauma; and

**WHEREAS,** Tanana Tribal Council in partnership with TCC began a feasibility study for a Family Treatment Center in Tanana.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to assist Tanana in finishing the feasibility study and to seek funding, subject to the recommendations of the feasibility study, for planning and development of a Family Treatment Center in Tanana to be available to all Tribes.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 15, 2018 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.



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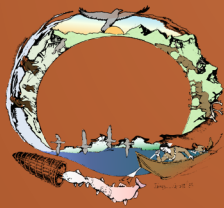
**Jerry Isaac**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

## Vision

Healthy, Strong, Unified Tribes

## Mission

Tanana Chiefs Conference provides a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development, and culture of the Interior Alaska Native people.



Tanana  
Chiefs  
Conference