



TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE

Full Board Resolutions

2022 Proposed Resolutions

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Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors



To: TCC Members

From: Resolutions Committee

Date: 3/3/2022

Thank you for the submissions of proposed 2022 resolutions. The resolutions committee met on February 15, 2022. The purpose of the resolutions committee is to review resolutions, suggest amendments to ensure legal and factual accuracy, and to obtain tribal support before resolutions are considered by the Full Board to ensure we have quality, agreeable, timely and accurate resolutions. The resolutions committee worked with the resolution sponsors for approved edits. Thank you to the sponsors for your prompt responses.

Most of the sponsors responded and accepted the resolution committee's suggested changes. These resolutions are attached in a clean version that is ready for consideration.

You will notice that a few resolutions still have edits in redline, and some edits have comments to clarify the suggestions. The Tribes that sponsored these resolutions either did not respond or did not approve the resolution committee's proposed amendments. The original submitted resolution will be up for consideration for the Full Board at Convention. If a member wants the Full Board to consider the proposed amendments, the resolution would need to be pulled and a motion made to accept the resolution committee edits.

There are three (3) additional resolutions that were submitted and are not listed on the next page, because they did not go through the resolutions committee review process. These resolutions will be discussed with the Full Board in executive session.

The resolutions committee suggests that each member review the resolutions with their tribal councils. If you come-up with additional proposed amendments, please contact amber.vaska@tananchiefs.org and Keith.Rueben@tananchiefs.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 to ensure there is time for debate and discussion on the subject matters that need it.

PROPOSED 2022 FULL BOARD RESOLUTIONS

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SUPPORTING THE TRIBAL COMPACTING OF EDUCATION IN ALASKA

- 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,** Expanding access to high quality education has been a primary goal of the TCC from the founding meeting of the Tanana Chiefs with Judge Wickersham in 1913 to the present day; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribes of the TCC Region would like to see even better educational outcomes for our students, including proficiency in our Native languages, even higher graduation rates and test scores; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribes of the TCC Region support self-determination and sovereignty, including the right of our tribes to educate our own Tribal Members; and
- WHEREAS,** This right is consistent with the United Nations Declaration on The Rights of Indigenous Peoples, particularly Articles 1, 3, 4, 11, 13, and finally, and especially, Article 14 which recognizes the right that Indigenous peoples have to "establish and control their own educational systems and institutions providing education in their own languages... without discrimination..." and it is important and relevant to note that the United States of America is a signatory to this Declaration; and
- WHEREAS,** The potential for Tribes to be able to compact and manage k-12 educational services to our members from the State of Alaska and from the United States is an important step; and
- WHEREAS,** There are many components in the educational system from accreditation, to teacher certification, to academic standards, and so forth, which may need to be addressed in this process; and
- WHEREAS,** The diverse Tribes of the interior of Alaska may decide to compact with the State of Alaska and the United States of America to exercise their sovereign rights, to exercise their self-determination, to improve schools, and to increase educational attainment across the region, by compacting with this State and/or Nation individually or possibly in consortia; and

WHEREAS, Legislation on the State level and the Federal level of governance is necessary to enable the compacting of Education by our member Tribes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors support and advocate that the Alaska Legislature adopt legislative bills to provide the option for Tribes to enter into compacts managing our education systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference requests that additional financing and aid be granted to the Tribes by the Federal government to meet the Trust Responsibility to provide educational services to the Tribes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development work with Tribes via government to government consultation to adopt appropriate regulations for Tribally Compacted Schools, including an alternate minimum school size.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Tanana Tribal Council

PROTECT HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TCC REGION VILLAGE RESIDENTS

- 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,** Alaska Natives have been stewards of the land, animals, fish, and birds and honor each with respect, care, and not wasting any part of the animal, fish, bird, and plant; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal stewardship of fish and wildlife is essential to all Tribal communities in Alaska for food security, food sovereignty, community well-being, and cultural identity; and
- WHEREAS,** An increase of outside hunters visiting our traditional local hunting areas limits the opportunity for local resident hunters, leading to less food for village residents including elders; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC villages utilize their Native corporation lands, Native Allotment lands, Bureau of Land Management lands, and National Wildlife Refuge lands; and
- WHEREAS,** The practice of hunters not properly caring for meat in a timely way and allowing it to spoil occurs too often; and
- WHEREAS,** Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Title VIII, Section 801 states, “The Congress finds and declares that— (1) the continuation of the opportunity for subsistence uses by rural residents of Alaska, including both Natives and non-Natives, on the public lands and by Alaska Natives on Native lands is essential to Native physical, economic, traditional, and cultural existence and to non-Native physical, economic, traditional, and social existence; and (2) the situation in Alaska is unique in that, in most cases, no practical alternative means are available to replace the food supplies and other items gathered from fish and wildlife which supply rural residents dependent on subsistence uses. . . .”; and
- WHEREAS,** Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Title VIII, Section 804 states, “Except as otherwise provided in this Act and other Federal laws, the taking on public lands of fish and wildlife for nonwasteful subsistence uses shall be accorded priority over the taking on such lands of fish and wildlife for other purposes. Whenever it is necessary to restrict the taking of populations of fish and wildlife

on such lands for subsistence uses in order to protect the continued viability of such populations, or to continue such uses, such priority shall be implemented through appropriate limitations based on the application of the following criteria:

- (1) customary and direct dependence upon the populations as the mainstay of livelihood;
- (2) local residency; and
- (3) the availability of alternative resources”; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Natives and tribal citizens continue to be criminalized in practicing our ancestral tribal ways of life when tribal customs are in conflict with state and federal regulations, while trespassers and urban residents face only slaps on the wrist.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to advocate and consult with the Federal Subsistence Board, Office of Subsistence Management, Alaska U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and Alaska Department of Fish and Game on tribal co-management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to pursue funding to establish Natural Resource Protection officers to patrol Native lands, expel trespassers, and document hunting-fishing-trapping violations to be reported to state and federal officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to advocate and request village corporations and Doyon, Limited take appropriate action in protecting their lands from trespassers.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Beaver Village Council

References:

State of Alaska. *Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act*; PUBLIC LAW 96-487 - DEC. 2, 1980. PDF file. December 2, 1980.

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PROPOSED

EMPOWER TRIBES THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE THEIR OWN FISH AND WILDLIFE PERMITS ON FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS

- 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,** Tribal stewardship of fish and wildlife is essential to all Tribal communities in Alaska for food security, food sovereignty, community well-being, and cultural identity; and
- WHEREAS,** The majority of indigenous peoples are among the most vulnerable to hunger and malnutrition, which largely results from a long history of social, political and economic exclusion, including centuries of expropriation and despoliation of their lands; and
- WHEREAS,** Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Title VIII, Section 801 states, “The Congress finds and declares that— (1) the continuation of the opportunity for subsistence uses by rural residents of Alaska, including both Natives and non-Natives, on the public lands and by Alaska Natives on Native lands is essential to Native physical, economic, traditional, and cultural existence and to non-Native physical, economic, traditional, and social existence; and (2) the situation in Alaska is unique in that, in most cases, no practical alternative means are available to replace the food supplies and other items gathered from fish and wildlife which supply rural residents dependent on subsistence uses; and . . . (5) the national interest in the proper regulation, protection and conservation of fish and wildlife on the public lands in Alaska and the continuation of the opportunity for a subsistence way of life by residents of rural Alaska require that an administrative structure be established for the purpose of enabling rural residents who have personal knowledge of local conditions and requirements to have a meaningful role in the management of fish and wildlife and of subsistence uses on the public lands in Alaska”; and
- WHEREAS,** Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Title VIII, Section 804 states, “Except as otherwise provided in this Act and other Federal laws, the taking on public lands of fish and wildlife for nonwasteful subsistence uses shall be accorded priority over the taking on such lands of fish and wildlife for other purposes. Whenever it is necessary to restrict the taking of populations of fish and wildlife on such lands for subsistence uses in order to protect the continued

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viability of such populations, or to continue such uses, such priority shall be implemented through appropriate limitations based on the application of the following criteria:

- (1) customary and direct dependence upon the populations as the mainstay of livelihood;
- (2) local residency; and
- (3) the availability of alternative resources"; and

WHEREAS, The federal Indian trust responsibility is a legal obligation under which the United States "has charged itself with moral obligations of the highest responsibility and trust" toward Indian tribes, *Seminole Nation v. United States*, 316 U.S. 286 (1942). The federal Indian trust responsibility is also a legally enforceable fiduciary obligation on the part of the United States to protect tribal treaty rights, lands, assets, and resources, as well as a duty to carry out the mandates of federal law with respect to American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and villages; and

WHEREAS, from the 2010 Review to multiple Secretarial Orders across Departments and administrations, the necessity of Tribal stewardship of traditional territories and ways of life is well documented; and

WHEREAS, Tribes offer solutions from administration, financial management, and planning, to documented observation and data collection networks, to regulatory analysis, but existing legal opportunities (ISDEAA TITLE IV, ANILCA TITLE VIII) across DOI and related federal agencies go unfulfilled with little to no growth; and

WHEREAS, The calls for consultation, co-management, compacting, contracting, self-governance, collaborative management, coordination, and communication must be met with action.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors direct staff to advocate for fully funding Tribal Stewardship of traditional territories and ways of life through the trust responsibility of the federal government to Tribal Governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors direct staff to advocate for the authority to issue their own fish and wildlife permits on federal public lands for spiritual (potlatch), educational (culture camp), and food security (hunting season), and emergency and/or survival (food supply chain collapse) purposes.

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Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Anvik Tribal Council

References:

The Right to Adequate Food, Fact Sheet No. 34, p. 12

ITINERANT TRIBAL FAMILY YOUTH SPECIALIST (TFYS) POSITIONS

- 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 employs and has vacant positions for dually-supervised Tribal Family Youth Specialist (TFYS) positions in two-thirds of communities in the TCC Region; and
- WHEREAS,** Currently only seven of those positions are filled. Many vacant TFYS positions have remained unfilled for 2-5 years; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribes struggle to assert their sovereignty and protect their Tribal members in Indian Child Welfare Act matters, and other social justice issues with these positions unfilled; and
- WHEREAS,** Many Tribes in the TCC Region are unable to sustain their tribal courts due to vacant TFYS positions, who often fulfill the duties of a tribal court clerk; and
- WHEREAS,** With turnover and vacancies of TFYS positions, Tribes in the region are unable to protect their minor tribal members, and respond and initiate child protection cases, including the administrative duties attached to child protection work; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC Tribes with vacant TFYS positions would benefit from having an itinerant TFYS that has a rotating schedule working and providing support a couple weeks each month; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC has a history of creating itinerant positions to address long time vacant positions for behavioral health aides, health aides, and VPSOs, successfully for years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs TCC staff to create TFYS itinerant positions, that TCC villages with vacancies can opt to fund in lieu of funding a vacant village-based TFYS position, but with the option to return to a village-based position if an applicant applies and is offered the position, subject to the availability of funding; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs TCC staff to designate office space for itinerant TFYS staff to use in Fairbanks during times when staff are not dispatched to a village, subject to the availability of funding.

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Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Eagle Village Council

CREATING A SPACE FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE RESPONSE

- 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,** Most Tribes in the TCC Region have established Tribal Courts to protect minor tribal members and to enforce tribal laws to promote safety and healthy tribal members and communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Some Tribes in the Region struggle to sustain Tribal Courts due to many factors like small populations, high turnover, and lack of human resources and infrastructure, preventing Tribes from asserting their tribal sovereignty; and
- WHEREAS,** During the 2020 Annual Convention, the Full Board passed Resolution 2020-22 Fairbanks Based Court, directing TCC to apply for funding to create a space for a Regional Inter-Tribal Court to provide Healing to Wellness Courts, Appellate Courts for individual Tribes and subregional courts, and for small Tribes without staff to operate their court as needed and requested by individual Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC tribal healing and justice services and staff support has grown due to an increase in funding from the Department of Justice following the former US Attorney General William Barr's July 2019 Federal Law Enforcement Emergency Declaration on Rural Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** In the TCC Region Tribal Courts, over 60% of parents with children in tribal court custody reside in the Fairbanks North Star Borough and need staff support and monitoring by staff residing in Fairbanks; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC, through the Tribal/State Child Welfare Compact, is able to provide services, including family contact visitation and parent visitation safe exchange in State Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) cases, but is currently unable to do so due to a lack of designated space. Additionally, TCC is requested to facilitate visitation for Tribal Court cases, but TCC is often limited in space options. OCS does not have a space in Fairbanks at this time for this purpose either; and
- WHEREAS,** In response to the Resolution 2020-22 Fairbanks Based Tribal Court, TCC staff secured funding to implement three Healing to Wellness court models, but does not have designated space for Court implementation or hiring of additional tribal court staff; and

WHEREAS, Currently TCC does not have a designated space for a regional intertribal court to serve both individual Tribal and subregional courts as requested, nor does TCC have a safe healing space for families interacting with state and/or tribal justice systems; and

WHEREAS, TCC owns facilities and land in Fairbanks that could be repurposed and/or designated to address the expansion of justice and healing services at TCC in order to improve technical assistance and support to individual and subregional tribal courts and to expand the services being provided to families residing in Fairbanks and involved in tribal or state custody.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs TCC to determine a building and/or lot that can be repurposed for the use of a Healing and Justice facility, includes designated space for a Regional Intertribal Court, Traditional Healing Services, Tribal Government/Court training room, a Family Visitation room, and office space to address the growth in healing and justice positions in Fairbanks, subject to the availability of funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to apply for funding to renovate or construct the designated Healing and Justice facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors agrees this resolution expands on and replaces Full Board Resolution 2020-22.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Nulato Tribal Council

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TCC EMPLOYEES TO WORK FROM THEIR HOME VILLAGE/COMMUNITY IN TCC REGION

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, To achieve the TCC vision, tribal communities need to build their workforce; and

WHEREAS, Over the last 20 years the TCC Full Board has passed a variety of resolutions to increase the employment in tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, In response to TCC Full Board Resolution 2014-13 More Employment Needed in the Villages, staff identified all TCC positions that could be performed remotely and establish a regionwide job location description; and

WHEREAS, TCC has many employees that consider their home a tribal community within the TCC service area and would prefer to live in their village, but are unable to relocate due to the lack of jobs available in their tribal community; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic showed TCC and tribal communities that many TCC positions are capable of working remotely or in locations other than the TCC buildings; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has allowed both TCC and Tribes to improve infrastructure and broadband in TCC villages, creating the foundation to support more TCC rural positions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to continually evaluate positions to determine if they can be posted regionwide when a vacancy is opened; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors supports that if a position is identified as being workable remotely, and village facilities and infrastructure exist to support the remote position, then that employee can choose to work in their home community.

CERTIFICATION

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Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Nulato Tribal Council

REPLACE DEROGATORY NAMES FOR TCC REGION LOCATIONS TO THE ORIGINAL INDIGENOUS NAMES

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 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 they utilized; and

WHEREAS, After contact the western civilization gave some names to places in our region 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 is defined as an ethnic and sexual slur historically used for Indigenous Native women.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to begin the process of researching all derogatory names of places within the TCC region and advocate for changing the place names back to their original indigenous names.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

TO SUPPORT COLLABORATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW MIDDLE YUKON RIVER AREA SONAR PROJECT TO SUPPORT IMPROVED CHINOOK SALMON MANAGEMENT

- 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,** Yukon River Chinook and Chum salmon populations have suffered catastrophic declines in abundances in recent years; and
- WHEREAS,** Chinook and Chum salmon are critical to the socioeconomics, cultures, and traditions of Tribes and peoples of the Yukon River drainage; and
- WHEREAS,** Declines in Yukon River Chinook and Chum salmon populations have resulted in severe restrictions to subsistence harvests, resulting in food security concerns among Yukon River Tribes and residents; and
- WHEREAS,** The Pilot Station sonar project has very high uncertainty in estimating the Chinook run, resulting in large underestimates in some years (2009, 2015), and - of greatest concern- very large overestimates in a number of other years (2013, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021), which pose serious risks to the sustainable management of Chinook salmon; and
- WHEREAS,** These large differences between Yukon River Chinook salmon passage at Pilot Station and Eagle, after accounting for harvests and escapements, greatly increase the management uncertainty when providing for subsistence harvests and sustainable escapements; and
- WHEREAS,** It is not possible to assess the in-season status of Chinook run at tributary weirs because these weirs provide data too late in the season; and
- WHEREAS,** The Pilot Station sonar project operated by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game is currently the main source of information to guide sustainable in-season salmon management, and it is very important that both managers and our member Tribes have high confidence in the Pilot station passage estimates for all salmon species; and
- WHEREAS,** For a number of years, various organizations and Tribes have discussed the need to develop a new middle river sonar project to improve information for in-season management of Chinook and other

salmon species and help validate Pilot Station passage data; and

WHEREAS, Compared to Pilot Station, the middle portion of the Yukon River is a narrower and more suitable sonar site for a new enumeration project for improved conservation and in-season management to ensure US-Canada border salmon passage goals are achieved; and

WHEREAS, TCC is committed to rebuilding and conserving the catastrophically declined Chinook and Chum salmon runs in order to provide for traditional uses of Yukon River salmon and protect the way of life and well-being of the Tribes and people that depend on healthy salmon fisheries; and

WHEREAS, TCC and its member Tribes have a strong interest in building our fisheries research and monitoring capacity, contracting with necessary external technical expertise; and engaging in tribal co-management of research, assessment, and monitoring.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors supports the initial feasibility work and cooperative development of a new middle river area sonar project to be co-managed by TCC and adjacent member Tribes in collaboration with state and federal agencies, subject to the availability of funding.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Rampart Village Council

SUPPORT FOR INTERIOR TRIBAL BROADBAND TELECOM COOPERATIVE

- 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,** Alaska ranked 49th out of all 50 states in broadband adoption, network quality and economic structure according to the 2012 State Broadband Index developed by Tech net, an advocacy group comprised of innovators and technology leaders; and
- WHEREAS,** There is a need for strategic planning within the Interior to facilitate the build-out of high speed internet to communities within the TCC/Doyon area; and
- WHEREAS,** There are tremendous federal resources available to pay for the cost of infrastructure to our villages, and the pooling of various grants and other funding sources—both public and private—could be used to build out broadband infrastructure reaching all native villages in the TCC region to substantially aide in education and economic development; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC and Doyon, Limited see the need to seek federal and state dollars for broadband infrastructure, which should be prioritized to go where infrastructure is non-existent or lacking within Alaska until those gaps are closed; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC recognizes that to be successful in creation of infrastructure the last mile and middle mile focus to connect communities is necessary to anchor institutions to each other, enabling them to share applications, infrastructure, and other resources.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to work with Doyon, Limited to develop a Tribal Utility Cooperative to focus on middle mile and last mile Telecom build out with the goal of improving internet access for our underserved tribal communities.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Native Village of Eagle

RURAL AND ELDER PRIORITY AT INTERIOR REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

- 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,** Alaska's rural communities have the highest unemployment despite a growing population with the highest cost of utility and fuel rates making it unaffordable for the low income and unemployed in need of homes; and
- WHEREAS,** The lack of safe, sanitary and affordable housing plagues nearly every rural community in the TCC region; and
- WHEREAS,** The availability of safe, sanitary and affordable housing for our elders is critical for the survival of Alaska Native cultures; and
- WHEREAS,** Living in substandard housing negatively impacts health and wellness outcomes for the families who occupy them; and
- WHEREAS,** The Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 empowers Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs), also known as Regional Housing Authorities, with local decision making, which enables the creation of housing programs that are specific to each region or community; and
- WHEREAS,** Despite the many successes with Interior Regional Housing Authority housing programs, Alaska Native housing conditions for rural Alaska and specifically for our Elders, remains inferior by almost every relevant national metric, and demand for affordable housing remains unmet.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors seeks a rural and elder priority at the Interior Regional Housing Authority.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government

PROPOSED

RESPONDING TO THE FOOD SECURITY CRISIS IN RURAL ALASKA

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, Food security is essential to our nutritional, economic and spiritual well-being; and

WHEREAS, Food insecurity is high in rural Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Food security is necessary for all people to have access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to maintain an active and healthy life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to advocate for and seek resources with other agencies to assist tribal communities in the TCC Region with getting access to nutritional foods that promote healthy people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the TCC Full Board of Directors directs staff to assess the current food security crisis facing Tribes in the TCC Region and hold a Food Security Summit to help brainstorm solutions with both Tribal, state and federal partners to improve access to healthy foods in rural Alaska, subject to the availability of funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the TCC Full Board of Directors directs staff to report out on the results of the Food Security Summit at the following Subregional Meetings after the Summit and/or the next meeting of the Full Board.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government

TCC TO CONDUCT TRIBAL NEGOTIATION AND CONSULTATION WITH FEDERAL/STATE AGENCIES FOR CO-MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS TO MAINTAIN OUR TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES AND TRIBAL WAYS OF LIFE

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, Tribes are the stewards of our traditional territories, working tirelessly to protect intact ecosystems for the health of our fish and wildlife relatives, as the health of our places is inextricably tied to our health and wellbeing with tribal hunting and fishing practices the foundation of our culture; and

WHEREAS, Our aboriginal hunting and fishing rights were purportedly extinguished in the passage of Alaska Native Claims Settlements Act (ANCSA), nor adequately provided for in the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), and Alaska Tribes need our tribal rights recognized by the Federal and State governments to provide for our health and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, Our traditional territories are currently under a complex matrix of jurisdictions, making it challenging to determine what regulations/laws apply to the management, stewardship, and use of our places and resources therein, resulting in threats to ecosystem health and unnecessary criminalization of our peoples for practicing our ways of life and culture; and

WHEREAS, Tribal self-governance and/or co-management of our traditional territories, including those lands held by the federal and state governments, is critical to the maintenance of our tribal hunting and fishing and stewardship practice, and Indigenous, tribally led stewardship is further necessary to meeting national climate change and conservation goals;

WHEREAS, Tribes have a proven track record of successfully managing hundreds of federal contracts worth billions of dollars annually to provide 'federal Indian programs' with the United States. These "self-governance contracts" have been enormously successful in improving the effective delivery of federal programs across Indian country; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, the State of Alaska recognized Alaska Tribes can more

effectively serve Alaska Native families when 16 Tribal Co-Signers entered into a Tribal/State Child Welfare Compact with the State of Alaska, to fund 100+ Tribes in running specific scopes of child welfare work on behalf of the Office of Children's Services, and the State of Alaska is currently exploring tribal compacts for education services; and

WHEREAS, The Tribes of the TCC Region recognize the importance of meaningful government to government consultation with Federal and State agencies as a minimum requirement to advocate for tribal self-determination and provision of our tribal rights to our ways of life; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has had the legal authority to enter self-governance contracts for the stewardship of traditional territories with Tribes (ISDEAA TITLE IV), however federal agencies have been slow to partner and collaborate with tribes in the management of federal public lands.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to negotiate with Federal and State agencies, including but not limited to government-to-government consultation, to develop tribal co-management of our traditional territories.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government

DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

- 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,** Generations of Alaska Native, Native American, and Native Hawaiian children were stolen from their homes and forced into more than 350 boarding schools established by the Indian Civilization Act of 1819 to "kill the Indian and save the man" by isolating them from their Native cultures and families; and
- WHEREAS,** The first boarding school in Alaska was established in Sitka in 1878 by Presbyterian missionaries; and
- WHEREAS,** Alaska Native children were also sent to boarding schools outside of Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** The goal of many educators at the time of mandatory boarding schools was to assimilate Indigenous children into the dominant culture by inflicting brutal punishment on them for speaking their languages and practicing their cultures; and
- WHEREAS,** Children suffered horrific physical, cultural, spiritual, and sexual abuse and neglect at the hands of their caretakers and teachers while attending mandatory boarding schools; and
- WHEREAS** The pain inflicted by this cultural genocide is passed down from generation to generation and is reflected across the state in Alaskans' heartbreaking struggles with suicide, drug and alcohol abuse and violence; and
- WHEREAS** The effects of mandatory Indian boarding schools is not the past and will not soon be forgotten, because survivors and their families are healing from the trauma of boarding school experiences; and
- WHEREAS** For almost two centuries, the legacy of Indian boarding schools has remained a silent chapter in America's past and has been omitted from history books; and
- WHEREAS** U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland announced that the United States government will finally review our nation's shameful history of Indian boarding schools; and

- WHEREAS,** This unprecedented initiative will uncover the truth about the loss of human life and the lasting consequences of boarding schools and forced assimilation; and
- WHEREAS,** Orange Shirt Day was created by Canadian boarding school survivor, Phyllis Webstad, who had her new orange shirt taken away on her first day of boarding school; and
- WHEREAS,** The orange shirt is a symbol that every child matters and honors boarding school survivors and Indigenous children who never returned home.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors hereby recognizes and firmly supports joining Canada in observing the Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a way to honor the lost children who never returned home and survivors of boarding schools, their families and Indigenous communities; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors actively seeks and advocates for state and federal legislation that solidifies in law September 30th as an annual Day for Truth and Reconciliation; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to advertise and market this day across various media platforms as a Day for Truth and Reconciliation and encourages all Alaskans to wear an orange shirt to bring awareness to the ongoing legacy of boarding schools in Alaska, the United States and colonized nations around the world so that we can work together to create a future that we're all proud to embrace.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Anvik Tribal Council

VACCINATION CHOICE EXEMPTION

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 is a consortia formed by 42 Tribes/Member Organizations that hold their own individual tribal sovereignty including the sovereign authority to determine their own COVID-19 public health mandates for employees of their government and residents of their communities'; and~~

WHEREAS, Both TCC and TCC Region tribal governments are currently suffering from large turnover and vacancies, exacerbated by the COVID-19 global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Alaska as well as a significant amount of other States, filed suits to block ~~the federal government from~~ OSHA vaccine mandates, federal contractor vaccine mandates, CMS mandates, and Head Start vaccine mandates, which would require COVID-19 vaccination for a long list of federal employees and health workers, as a violation of an individuals' and states' constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, All Many of these federal mandates have been halted by Federal District Courts ~~and/or United States Supreme Court~~; and

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court upheld CMS's authority to impose a mandate for health care workers; and

WHEREAS, ~~Tribes in the TCC region should have a choice if they require new employees to be vaccinated or not, that reside in their village to be vaccinated, as Tribes have their own tribal laws related to covid-19 mitigation, which applies to all persons residing within that Tribes' jurisdiction; and~~

WHEREAS, ~~Tribes and TCC also share multiple dually supervised~~ has positions that reside within rural villages, ~~and multiple of these positions' salaries include tribal funding, including tribal administrators and tribal family youth specialists; and~~

WHEREAS, ~~Tribal office positions are often extremely hard to fill and adding a vaccine mandate for new employees will cause additional hardship on Tribal efforts to fill rural vacancies; and~~

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WHEREAS, On 10/2/2021 a TCC policy, mandating all new employees to be vaccinated upon hire or initiate vaccination within the first week of hire went into effect, and adding a vaccine mandate for new employees will cause additional hardship on Tribal efforts to fill rural vacancies.

Commented: TCC eliminated the COVID vaccination requirement for new employees. It will remain in effect until TCC is obligated legally or regulatory to mandate a vaccine.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 mitigation response varies among each Tribal government, and each Tribal government has the sovereign right to determine covid-19 public health mandates for their employees and community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors amends the vaccine mandate policy to include a religious exemption, so long as that complies with applicable law; and directs TCC, to determine a building and/or lot that can be repurposed for the use of a Healing and Justice Response, which includes designated space for Regional Intertribal Court, Traditional Healing Services, Tribal Government/ Court training room, a Family Visitation room, and office space to address the growth in healing and justice positions in Fairbanks; and

Commented: TCC no longer has a vaccine mandate

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BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors seeks the policy to be amended to allow individual Tribes to determine the policy for their own new rural dually supervised TCC employees; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors requests TCC to evaluate the new employee vaccine mandate being applied to all new TCC employees by creating a process to evaluate to determine the impact the mandate is having on recruitment and retention of all TCC employee vacancies and provide a report to Tribes during the Fall 2022 Subregional meetings.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: McGrath Village Council

RECOGNIZING RIGHT OF SPONSORING TRIBES TO SPEAK ON A MOTION TO TABLE OR REFER A RESOLUTION FROM FULL BOARD CONSIDERATION

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 Full Board of Directors meets annually to conduct the business of the Interior tribes; and

WHEREAS, The business of the TCC Full Board of Directors is conducted through resolution; and

WHEREAS Motions to table or refer resolutions to the Executive Board or another committee may be made by any Director without input from the sponsoring Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors hereby recognizes that a resolution sponsor has the right to state a position on the motion before a proposed resolution is tabled or referred from consideration by the Full Board of Directors.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Anvik Tribal Council

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 Executive Board terms, with both the officers and subregional directors serving 3 year terms; and
- WHEREAS,** The Executive Board serves without term limits, resulting in board members serving on TCC's Executive Board for several consecutive terms, which limits the variety of ideas and oversight from across the region; and
- WHEREAS,** When new leaders are interested in serving, the Tribes often do not want to disrespect the current Executive Board members by not voting for the incumbent; 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 will consider a bylaw change to Article 7, Section 1 at a Fall 2022 special Full Board of Directors meeting with the following language:

No person elected to serve for a specific position on this Committee for two full successive terms shall be again eligible to hold that office until one full term has intervened.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Native Village of Koyukuk

REQUIRING EXECUTIVE BOARD AND HEALTH BOARD MEMBERS TO UNDERGO A BACKGROUND CHECK THAT COMPLIES WITH THE INDIAN CHILD PROTECTION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT

- 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 previously determined that Executive Board and Health Board members shall be subject to background checks that comply both with the Indian Child Protection and Domestic Violence Prevention Act (ICPA) and the Alaska Barrier Crimes Act (ABCA); and
- WHEREAS,** The ICPA was intended to “protect Indian children and reduce the incidents of family violence in Indian country”; and
- WHEREAS,** ICPA requires Tribes and Tribal organizations that operate contracts pursuant to contracts under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to conduct a background check on “each individual . . . in a position that involves regular contact with, or control over, Indian children”; and
- WHEREAS,** The Executive Board and Health Board exercise the authority of the full Board in management of the corporation, have access to TCC facilities, and have input and control over programs serving Indian children; and
- WHEREAS,** The Executive Board amended Board Policy 50-5003 in 2019 to exempt all Executive Board members besides the President and Vice President and all Health Board members from an ICPA compliant background check; and
- WHEREAS** Recent TCC resolutions have called for a loosening of character standards and further limitations on the positions subject to ICPA checks for our leaders; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC faces the risk of liability for continuing to loosen background check standards at a time of increased scrutiny and warnings from federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, The need to protect our children is just as great now as at the time of ICPA enactment; and

WHEREAS, TCC should hold its leaders to the same character and background standards we require our employees to meet.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors amends Board Policy 50-5003 to require that all Executive Board and Health Board members must pass ICPA and ABCA compliant background checks in order to serve on those Boards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and its mandates may not be changed without a vote of the Full Board of Directors.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Nulato Tribal Council
Fairbanks Native Association

MANDATING DRUG TESTING FOR TCC EXECUTIVE BOARD AND HEALTH BOARD MEMBERS

- 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 is a tribal consortium of Interior Alaska, governed by a full board of directors and an elected Executive Board and Health Board Directors who are in leadership roles for the region, whereby making them public role models and representatives of our Athabascan culture and values; and
- WHEREAS,** Drug and alcohol abuse is a scourge upon our people, contributing to abuse, neglect and violence in the Native community; and
- WHEREAS,** Employees of TCC are required to pass drug testing prior to hire, and after hire are subject to random drug testing; and
- WHEREAS,** The Executive Board amended Board Policy 50-5003 that required board members to be subject to initial and random drug testing in 2019 to waive all Executive Board and Health Board members from random drug testing; and
- WHEREAS,** Board policies can be amended by the board, which can be a conflict; and
- WHEREAS,** The need for high standards for our Native leadership still exists and TCC should hold its leaders to the same character standards we require our employees to meet.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors amends Board Policy 50-5003 to require that all Executive Board and Health Board members are subject to initial and random drug testing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and its mandates may not be changed without a vote of the Full Board of Directors.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Fairbanks Native Association

TOK NATIVE ASSOCIATION DISSOLUTION AND TCC MEMBERSHIP

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, Article II, Sec. 1(b) of the TCC Bylaws provide that the Tok Native Association, a ~~state chartered not for profit corporation~~ tribal organization, shall be a member village of TCC; and

WHEREAS, On May 13, 2021, the Tok Native Association was administratively dissolved ~~and no longer exists as a state chartered entity, but and continues to exist as a tribal organization; and; and.~~

WHEREAS, Tok Native Association has continually yes to actively participated in TCC as a member and Tribal entity representing Upper Tanana Tribal members living in Tok and the surrounding areas.

The state non-profit corporation code does not allow the reinstatement of a dissolved not for profit corporation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors at a Fall 2022 special Full Board of Directors meeting, acknowledges that Tok Native Association no longer exists and may not exercise any of the benefits, rights and privileges as a member village within Tanana Chiefs Conference amends the Bylaws Section 1(b) to remove Tok Native Association as a member of TCC.

Commented: This timeline has been added to all resolutions calling for bylaw changes as there are several presented and the Board needs sufficient time to discuss and consider them at a separate Full Board meeting in the fall.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Dot Lake Village

SALARY CAP AND BONUS POLICY FOR TCC EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM

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 a non-profit corporation whose mission is to "advance sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native people;" and~~

WHEREAS, In recent years, TCC has ~~greatly~~ increased executive salaries based on a market compensation study and provided additional bonuses to employees ~~resulting in TCC Executives who do not have professional licenses earning seven times what midrange TCC employees make;~~ and

Commented: This part of the statement is false.

~~**WHEREAS,** The increase in salaries for TCC's Executive non-professional staff is attracting persons who are more interested in receiving personal wealth as opposed to fulfilling the mission of TCC; and~~

WHEREAS, Certain member Tribes are concerned these increases may ~~and stimulate~~ internal strife and conflict in the management of TCC; ~~and~~

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors amends the TCC salary schedule to impose a cap on all annual salaries for TCC Executive Management Team positions who do not have a job requiring a professional license, which shall not be greater than four times the mean average annual salary of all TCC employees who are not members of the Executive Management Team; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the salary cap imposed above ~~which~~ shall be effective July 1, 2022, shall have no retroactive effect, and must be revisited by the Executive Board at least every two years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED effective immediately, no member of the TCC Executive Management Team shall receive a bonus unless approved by the TCC ~~Full Board of Directors~~ President or Executive Board.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Dot Lake Village

**BYLAW AMENDMENT TO LIMIT TCC MEMBERSHIP TO
FEDERALLY-RECOGNIZED TRIBES FULLY CONTRACTING
OR COMPACTING THROUGH TANANA CHIEFS
CONFERENCE TCC**

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 is a state chartered not for profit corporation comprised of members who are Interior Alaska Native Villages, which was originally organized to advocate for and implement the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and~~

WHEREAS, ~~After setting up Doyon and the village ANCSA corporations to implement ANCSA, TCC changed its purpose to promote Tribal Sovereignty by serving~~ serves as the Tribal Organization under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act for purposes of and contracting and compacting with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Indian Health Service, to provide programs and services to the members of federally-recognized Interior Alaska tribes, and additional authorities to contract or compact with other federal and State agencies; and

WHEREAS, ~~Several Two~~ members of TCC are ~~non-tribal entities~~ Native associations that are not federally-recognized Tribes, ~~nor tribal governments, and do not have tribal allocations with BIA or IHS budgets through TCC;~~ and

WHEREAS, Several members of TCC ~~are~~ federally-recognized Tribes ~~that~~ independently contract or compact with BIA and IHS pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act and have ~~no~~ limited financial investment ~~in~~ in the programs, functions services and activities operated by TCC ~~on behalf of federally recognized Tribes that contract/compact through TCC;~~ and

WHEREAS, As members of TCC, these non-tribal ~~entities~~ governments and ~~non-~~ partially contracting tribes have an equal vote in the operation of the programs and services operated for the benefit of Tribes that actually fully contract and compact with the BIA and IHS through TCC; and

WHEREAS, ~~As demonstrated in~~ During the ~~last December 2021~~ Special Board meeting, two federally-recognized Tribes who contract through TCC

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for IHS and/or BIA programs declined to be credentialed or to attend the meeting until the final matter was being considered and were denied the right to vote at that time; and

WHEREAS,

Only federally recognized tribes fully contracting and ~~compacting~~ through TCC for the operation of their IHS and/or BIA ~~pr~~⁴ograms should have a say in the operation of those programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors at a the Fall 2022 special Full Board of Directors meeting will consider to~~hereby~~ amends the Articles of Incorporation to remove the purposes listed under "Third" and replace with the following:

"The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

To be a Tribal organization composed of federally-recognized Tribes that have designated the corporation to contract on their behalf to perform nearly all services that otherwise would have been provided by a federal or state entity."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors ~~hereby amends~~will consider to amend the Articles of Incorporation to change the Membership qualifications under "Fifth" Article, section a) as follows:

"Membership. Membership in this corporation is limited to federally-recognized Native villages of the region claimed by the Dena' Nena' Henash, being, in general, the Middle Yukon and Upper Yukon drainages, the Koyukuk and Tanana drainages, and the Upper Kuskokwim drainage, that have designated the corporation to provide nearly all services on the Tribes' behalf as further defined in the by-laws."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors will consider to amend the~~that~~ Article 2, Sec. 1~~1~~ of the TCC Bylaws to read as follows:

"The corporation shall have one class of members, which shall be each federally-recognized Tribe located in the region represented or claimed by the people of Dena' Nena' Henash-Tanana-Chiefs Conference region as defined by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and, which designates TCC as its Tribal Organization to enter into contracts and/or compacts under the Indian Self-

Commented: If the membership changes, then the purpose of the corporation in the articles of incorporation changes to reflect that.

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Determination Act (P.L. 93-638, as amended) or any other applicable authority on its behalf with ~~either the BIA or IHS~~ any federal or state agency for the operation of at least 80% of such Tribes' ~~tribal~~ allocations or "shares" for ~~such~~ all such contractable programs, functions, services, and activities."

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Kaltag Tribal Council

DIRECTING TCC STAFF TO RESEARCH GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES OF OTHER NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS AND PROVIDE OPTIONS FOR SPLITTING THE PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN ROLES AT THE NEXT FULL BOARD MEETING

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 grew substantially over the last decade, especially due to increased health care revenues and services associated with the expanded Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center, experiencing a 667% increase in net position between 2012 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, TCC now has just under 1,000 employees and received over \$375 million in revenues in FY 2021; and

WHEREAS, Other large Native organizations in the State of Alaska have different governance structures, including several that split the main executive/administrative position (at TCC, the "President" position) from the Chief/Chairman of the Board; and

WHEREAS, While conducting the environmental analysis for the TCC strategic plan in 2021, it was identified that the constant change in leadership is a weakness for the organization; and

WHEREAS, TCC may benefit from having stability in the President position that requires managerial and executive experience as opposed to an elected official.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs TCC staff to research the governance structures of companies and Native organizations of similar size in terms of number of employees and annual revenues, and present on their findings at the next Full Board of Directors meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that TCC staff are directed to prepare amendments to the TCC bylaws, and send any required notices of such amendments under the bylaws, to split the President role in Art V, Sec. 5 of the Bylaws and the Chief/Chairman role in Art IV, Sec. 10 of the Bylaws for consideration at a Fall 2022 special Full Board of Directors meeting.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Tanana Tribal Council

**REAFFIRMING ESTABLISHING A DIRECTOR'S (TRIBE'S)
UNDENIABLE RIGHT TO VOTE REGARDLESS OF
CREDENTIALING AND FIDUCIARY DUTIES**

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, Through TCC Resolution 2019-07: Protect the Inherent Sovereign Rights of Native Tribes, the full TCC Board of Directors recognized the importance of inherent tribal rights and tribal sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, TCC works to maximize resources to advance tribal sovereignty and to strengthen tribal governance, self-determination, and self-governance in practice; and

WHEREAS, ~~The full TCC Board of Directors consists of 42 TCC tribal members elected by their respective villages to represent their community; and~~

Commented: Removed because background information not relevant to the resolution

WHEREAS, ~~Galena Village (aka Loudon Tribe) is a Native village and federally recognized Indian tribe and a member of TCC representing in the Yukon Koyukuk Subregion; and~~

Commented: Removed because this was proposed as a full Board resolution, which per the resolution rules must be region-wide in nature. If the Village wishes to make it specific to them, they can submit a Village-specific resolution that will not be considered by the full Board.

WHEREAS, The TCC Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws provide that each member village or group elects one director to TCC, and each elected director shall hold office during the period of one annual meeting to another; and

WHEREAS, The TCC Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws guarantee each director a vote on each matter submitted to the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, The vote of a member village's director is the means by which the village's collective voice is heard by TCC and the other member villages; and

WHEREAS, TCC has long maintained a stringent credentialing process that requires the credentialing committee to meet before each Full Board meeting to certify the list of Directors to be read at roll call; and

Commented [AV3]: Necessary to add because the intent is to have an "undeniable" right to vote for any reason other than conflicts

WHEREAS, Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, TCC has been meeting in a hybrid in-person and remote connection meeting, and this hybrid format may allow Directors that do not appear or participate in a meeting and that

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have not been credentialed to show up at any time to vote on a matter; and

Commented: Added because hybrid meeting format is the source of the issue this resolution intends to solve

WHEREAS, ~~Galena Village~~TCC desires to ~~affirm-establish~~ each director's right to vote ~~regardless of credentialing and fiduciary duties~~ by approval of an amendment to the TCC Bylaws and Code of Ethics to provide that, except as otherwise provided in Article Seventeen, Section 4 of the Amended and Restated Bylaws relating to conflicts of interest and Sections 1(d) and 6 of the Board Code of Ethics related to litigation conflicts, no director shall be denied the right to vote on a matter presented to the ~~Full B~~board for a decision at a meeting if the director is present in person or by remote communication when the matter is voted upon.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors:

1. Directs management to schedule a Fall 2022 special meeting of the TCC Full Board of Directors to vote in accordance with Article Fourteen of the Amended and Restated Bylaws on the following proposed amendment to Article Two, Section 3 of the Amended and Restated Bylaws:
 - (c) *Right to Vote. Except as otherwise provided in Article Seventeen, Section 4 of the Amended and Restated Bylaws relating to conflicts of interest, including any conflicts resulting from litigation and further defined in TCC policies, no director shall be denied the right to vote on a matter presented to the ~~B~~board for a decision at a meeting if the director is present in person or by remote communication when the matter is voted upon regardless of credentialing.*
- ; and
2. ~~To vote on amendments~~ Section ~~14-2~~ of the TCC Board of Directors Code of Ethics by adding a new subsection as follows:
 - (c) *Right to Vote. Except as otherwise provided in Article Seventeen, Section 4 of the Amended and Restated Bylaws relating to conflicts of interest, and other conflicts of interest further defined in Sections 1(d) and 6 of this policy, no director shall be denied the right to vote on a matter presented to the ~~Full B~~board for a decision at a meeting if the director is present in person or by remote communication when the matter is voted upon regardless of credentialing; and*

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors agrees to waive all fiduciary duties of directors related to voting on matters for which they have not been fully informed.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Galena Village (aka Loudon Tribe)

TCC EYE CLINIC SUBREGIONAL VISITS

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 Eye Clinic travels to the Upper Tanana Health Center more than once a year, to provide glasses ~~exam~~ and contacts examinations; and

WHEREAS, The TCC Eye Clinic coordinates with the Upper Tanana Health Center to provide space and advertise the visit; and

WHEREAS, ~~Glasses and Contact examinations may also be done during village travel visits; and~~

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WHEREAS, ~~The TCC Eye Clinic travels 2 times a year.~~

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs the TCC Eye Clinic to travels to provide services more than once a year in the Upper Tanana Region villages outside the Upper Tanana Health Center.

CERTIFICATION

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Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Tok Native Association

TANANA FAMILY TREATMENT CENTER

- 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 Tribal Council is the governing body for the Native Village of Tanana; and
- WHEREAS,** The health and welfare of our tribal members is a priority; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tanana Tribal Council has been requesting the assistance of TCC for the past 15-20 years to help establish a program to address issues of substance abuse within the TCC region; and
- WHEREAS,** The Native Village of Tanana is located at Nuchalawoyya “Where the Two Rivers Meet,” a traditional meeting place within the TCC region; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tanana Tribal Council is asking for administrative support to establish a family treatment program in the Native Village of Tanana for the TCC region; and
- WHEREAS,** The Indian Health Service is finalizing the transfer of U.S.S. 5958 to the Tanana Tribal Council for use in health care services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs TCC Health Staff to meet with the Tanana Tribal Council to assist in the process of planning and establishing a Family Treatment Center for the Interior of Alaska.

CERTIFICATION

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Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

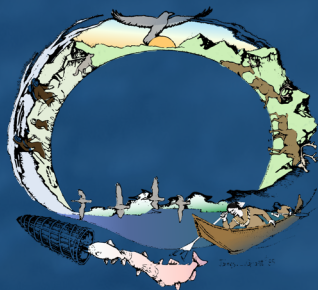
Submitted by: Tanana Tribal Council

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.



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