

ELDER HOUSING PRIORITY FOR 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, 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, 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 an elder priority for housing with local decision making in each community.

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