

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

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