

## **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 and Boards; 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.



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**Charlie Wright**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Submitted by:**

Fairbanks Native Association