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Proposed Full Board Resolutions

2023



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Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors



To: TCC Member Entities

From: Resolutions Committee

Date: 3/3/2023

Thank you to all for the submissions of proposed 2023 resolutions. The Resolutions Committee met on February 15, 2023. 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.

At the end of the resolution packet there is a subregional/village specific resolution. Per the resolution rules, full board resolutions should not be village specific, however the subregion is able to pass a village specific resolution and TCC staff is required to follow-up and report on the subregional resolution.

CADASTRAL SURVEY PROGRAM FUNDING MANDATE

- 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 Cadastral Survey program at Tanana Chiefs Conference was founded in 1993 in response to the need for professional survey services in the 42 interior villages in the region; and
- WHEREAS,** for many years the Survey program provided successful employment and training services and produced many successful Indigenous surveyors; and
- WHEREAS,** the Cadastral survey program provides vital services to the region, including high resolution aerial photography, orthophotography, digital terrain models and point cloud surface mapping, in boundary surveys and subdivisions, ANCSA surveys, control and GPS surveys, and topographic/engineering surveys, community planning consultation, and subdivision; and
- WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference surveyors remain the most qualified, experienced, and affordable survey providers in remote rural interior Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** the need for survey in the region and for internal Tanana Chiefs Conference has steadily increased every year and will continue to increase for the foreseeable future; and
- WHEREAS,** the need for training in high-paying professions has grown and is critical to the success of future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** the program has faced funding cuts so severe that there is now no external funding source, staff has been reduced to only one remaining surveyor, the training component of the program has been closed, and equipment has not been meaningfully updated since 2007, and the program is on the verge of complete closure; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribes will face infrastructure crisis and funding sources will be threatened if they are unable to access surveys to establish site control and engage in land use planning.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors shall fund the restoration and upkeep of the Cadastral Survey program with administrative funds in perpetuity to include two full time permanent surveyors, immediate purchase of appropriate equipment, and reinstatement of the Cadastral Survey training and employment program, to provide survey services to tribes at the lowest possible cost.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 15, 2023 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Circle Tribal Council

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- WHEREAS,** the program has faced funding cuts so severe that there is now no external funding source, staff has been reduced to only one remaining surveyor, the training component of the program has been closed, and equipment has not been meaningfully updated since 2007, and the program is on the verge of complete closure; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribes will face infrastructure crisis and funding sources will be threatened if they are unable to access surveys to establish site control and engage in land use planning.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors supports ~~hall fund~~ the restoration and upkeep of ~~a robust~~the Cadastral Survey program ~~and directs staff to undertake an exhaustive search for funding mechanisms outside of TCC; and~~

~~NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY~~**URTHER RESOLVED** that TCC staff will conduct a thorough review of the program to determine whether the need to provide survey services to Tribes at the lowest possible cost allows this program to continue being funded by TCC General Unrestricted Funds. ~~with administrative funds in perpetuity to include two full time permanent surveyors, immediate purchase of appropriate equipment, and reinstatement of the Cadastral Survey training and employment program, to provide survey services to tribes at the lowest possible cost.~~

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Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Circle Tribal Council

EDITS: Edited for clarity, style, formatting, grammar. Edited to avoid funding restrictions per Resolution Rule 2(6)

SUPPORT FOR ELDERS FILING PERMANENT FUND DIVIDENDS ONLINE

- 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,** Elders living in our rural communities rely heavily on the State of Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) to heat their homes and allow continued rural lifestyles in spite of rising energy and food costs; and
- WHEREAS,** Elders often lack access to home internet and the technology required to file for the PFD on the State of Alaska myPFD online site without assistance from community organizations, non-profits, and tribal entities; and
- WHEREAS,** Under the current PFD filing system a registered myAlaska account is not required to start the application process online, making it easy for community organizations to assist elders in their filing and use their technology, internet, printing, and digital expertise to get elder's PFD applications submitted and signature pages mailed; and
- WHEREAS,** The current method does not require the elder or others to have an email account, nor does this method require the elder to memorize a password or username and is more efficient and preferable than filling out paper applications by hand; and
- WHEREAS,** The State of Alaska has announced that next year they will require all people filing for a PFD online to register for a MyAlaska account in the 2024 PFD filing year; and
- WHEREAS,** This requirement will create hardship for the elders, many others and the community organizations that help them fill out their PFD applications; and
- WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference realizes and appreciates the need for secure online systems that protect the data collected by the State of Alaska.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors direct staff to advocate for the State to research all possible avenues for making the current myPFD system as secure as possible; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors direct staff to advocate for the State to provide a cost-benefit analysis that considers the likely increase in paper PFD applications from rural Alaska and the subsequent processing time before implementing a change to the current system that would require registration on myAlaska.

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Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Northway Village Council

REQUESTING IRHA TO ELIMINATE THE COST ALLOCATION PLAN ON RURAL PROJECTS

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 housing shortage in Alaska and Tribes are underfunded and unable to meet the need which adds to out-migration and the further lowering of funding based on community population; and

WHEREAS, IRHA operates HUD funding for several Interior Tribes and the Fairbanks American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) population, and collects a CAP (Cost Allocation Plan) of 42% on rural projects. CAP is similar to indirect costs and does not reflect the actual construction costs. This amount only burdens the Tribe and adds to out-migration; and

WHEREAS, Between 2018-2022 IRHA received just over \$26 million⁰ in funding for the Fairbanks AI/AN population and of that amount collected over \$9.5 million in CAP, leaving only \$16 million for actual construction; and

WHEREAS, At the same time, Fairbanks AI/AN population increased by 1,023 people, further increasing the yearly allocation; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, IRHA reported \$1.1 million in yearly operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, The CAP from the Fairbanks NAHASDA allocation is almost two times the amount needed for yearly operation expenses, thus allowing for a reduction in the CAP needed for Rural projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors requests that IRHA eliminate the CAP on all current and future Rural projects.

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Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Native Village of Stevens

PROPOSED

REQUESTING DOYON, LTD. CHANGE THEIR POLICY TO ENABLE INCREASED AND QUICKER ACCESS TO PERMITS FOR TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR SAND AND GRAVEL

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, Once in a generation opportunities to fund tribal infrastructure including housing, telecommunications and other community facilities are being provided to our Member Tribes due to new federal funding initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Doyon, LTD and TCC's tribes share the common belief that sand, gravel and rock (SGR) are key to developing and enhancing community infrastructure in the TCC region through these initiatives. Member Tribes have always acted in good faith respecting Doyon LTD's subsurface ownership of sand and gravel within or near Tribal project sites; and

WHEREAS, It is important that Doyon LTD communicate with tribes and tribal members in a consistent and timely manner that enables each to develop and enhance community infrastructure that SGR can help support.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors respectfully request that Doyon, LTD change their policies and procedures to better facilitate Tribes and Tribal Organizations having timely access to the SGR that is necessary for the vital fulfillment of Tribal needs during the short construction season(s); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED Doyon will provide for a once yearly report to be filed with member villages regarding tonnage used and compensation required.

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Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Beaver Village Council

PROPOSED

REQUESTING FOR STATE OF ALASKA LEGISLATURE ADVOCATE FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE BETWEEN CENTRAL AND CIRCLE, ALASKA ON THE STEESE HIGHWAY AND UPGRADE THE 14 MILE BRIDGE

- 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 has a high cost-of-living, which exponentially increases in rural areas accessible only by plane. Alaska's size, climate, and distance from larger markets explains much of the difference in living costs between Alaska and the rest of the continental U.S.; and
- WHEREAS,** Many of TCC's member Tribes have no navigable roads, and others are only accessible via use of the Steese Highway. This makes the price for shipment of goods and materials to member tribes, many of which need to be freighted by air, very expensive. The lowest standard freight cost is \$0.65 cents per pound and these increase up to \$0.84 cents per pound. The lowest rate for oversized freight is \$1.10 cents per pound and, which increases up to \$1.55 per pound depending on the location of the Member Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** 70% of the population of Circle live adjacent to the last two miles of the Steese Highway and their health and safety is jeopardized when the Steese Highway is not adequately maintained to allow for use by businesses and schools, emergency first responders, and the United States Postal Service. Furthermore, member Tribes use the Steese Highway in the Winter, Summer and Fall months to haul life-sustaining goods such as fuel and food, and other materials such as hardware, furniture, vehicles, and furniture to the landing at Circle, Alaska. From Circle, these goods and material are transported by boat, barge or snow machine to surrounding villages in the Yukon Flats; and
- WHEREAS,** Accordingly, the Steese Highway, and its proper maintenance¹, are necessary to ensure the health and safety of the residents of Circle

¹ See <https://dot.alaska.gov/stwdmno/> ("Maintenance and operation responsibilities include all the activities to keep our State's highways, bridges, airports, building and harbors in good condition and safe for the traveling public. These include highway and airport anti-icing and deicing, snowplowing, snow hauling, avalanche control and mitigation, vegetation management, guardrail repair, sign maintenance, street/traffic light repair, drainage structures, fence maintenance, airport light repair, airport rescue and firefighting, airport security, and facility repairs. It also includes responding to all emergency/weather

and the surrounding villages and to decrease the costs of freight and the cost of living for member Tribes in the Yukon Flats, which will in turn promote the regional economy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors advocate to the State of Alaska Legislature and specifically to Senator Click Bishop and House Representative Mike Cronk, and to the State of Alaska Administration, Department of Transportation, to request for State-mandated road maintenance, including the upgrade and maintenance of the 14-mile bridge, between Central and Circle in accordance with State of Alaska, Department of Transportation responsibilities.

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Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Beaver Village Council

IN SUPPORT OF ADVOCACY AT THE STATE LEVEL TO INCREASE THE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION (BSA)

- 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 would like to see even better educational outcomes for our students, including proficiency in our Native languages, higher graduation rates and test scores; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC has many programs to help our beneficiaries receive high quality education services, but it remains the state's constitutional obligation to adequately fund public education; and
- WHEREAS,** Currently the state has not increased education funding in seven years creating a massive budget shortfall across Alaska. Costs to maintain schools have increased due to raising inflation and supply costs forcing districts to close schools, cut teaching positions and education programs in order to pay fuel, water and sewer, electricity, and maintenance costs to keep school doors open; and
- WHEREAS,** Alaska has unique attributes that impact costs; smaller school sizes off the road system and high health and energy costs; and
- WHEREAS,** Education of Alaska's children is critical to the State's future success and any investment in education is an investment in our children and the future workforce of Alaska.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors urge our state lawmakers and the Governor to support an increase to the Base Student Allocation that matches inflation.

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Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Beaver Village Council

PROPOSED

ACCESS TO PHARMACY SERVICES AT TRIBAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS

- 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 responsible for providing direct healthcare to 42 Interior communities; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC operates the Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center, two pharmacies and over three dozen subregional clinics in remote Alaska where unpredictable mail service and extreme weather can ruin expensive, life-saving medical treatments; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC provides pharmacy service, care and support via clinical pharmacies and medication provision to patients throughout the Tanana Chiefs Conference region; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC is committed to guaranteeing freedom of patient choice of pharmacy; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC beneficiaries deserve the highest quality of care and safe and efficient access to clinician-administered drugs; and
- WHEREAS,** In recent years, the business practices of Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) have negatively affected patient access to pharmacy services at Tribal Health Organization Pharmacies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors supports legislative and regulatory reform of Pharmacy Benefits Manager business practices so-as to ensure and protect Alaska Native and American Indian access to Pharmacy Services at Tribal Health Organization Pharmacies.

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Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Beaver Village Council

PROPOSED

INDIAN ENVIRONMENTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE 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 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has funds available through the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act (IGAP) for the purpose of building tribal capacity to administer environmental programs, to operate drinking water and wastewater utilities, and to develop training programs to address environmental issues; and
- WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is a consortium of 37 federally recognized tribes in Interior Alaska. TCC has co-signed the Alaska Tribal Health Compact under Title V of the ISDEAA and has co-signed the BIA Title II Compact; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC and its member Tribes hold an annual meeting for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before the meeting (TCC Bylaws Article 3, Section 1); and
- WHEREAS,** Each member Tribe is entitled to elect one director. Each director must be a resident of the State of Alaska and Alaska Native member of a member Tribe of TCC. Each director holds office during the period of one annual meeting to another (TCC Bylaws Article 4, Section 2); and
- WHEREAS,** This resolution seeks to demonstrate that TCC meets the eligibility requirements of an Intertribal Consortium as listed in 40 CFR § 35.504 and further authorizes TCC to apply for and receive assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** an IGAP grant to TCC does not affect funds available for individual tribal IGAP grants and TCC will not be receiving funds on behalf of any member tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** Each director authorizes TCC to apply for, receive, and administer an IGAP grant for the period of FY24 through FY27 (October 2023 through September 2027).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors authorizes TCC staff to apply for Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act funds, and, if awarded, to design and implement a program to build tribal capacity to administer environmental programs and build capacity to operate drinking water and wastewater utilities.

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Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Beaver Village Council

WORKING INTER-TRIBALLY TO PREVENT CHILDREN FROM GOING INTO STATE PROTECTIVE CUSTODY WITH OCS

- 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 and the Interior Tribes strive to support tribal self-determination, improve community wellness, and reverse the health, education and socio-economic disparities affecting Native people to ensure that the next generation is healthy and striving; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC Region consists of 37 federally recognized Tribes and each are listed on the United States list of Federally Recognized Tribes under the Tribal List Act of 1994, reserving sovereign and aboriginal rights in perpetuity; and
- WHEREAS,** Each Tribal Government is responsible for asserting their sovereign authority within their own tribal jurisdiction to promote and protect the health and welfare of the members of the Tribes, especially the most vulnerable and valuable, minor child Tribal members; and
- WHEREAS,** In order to advance Tribal governments and reverse long-standing socio-economic disparities, Native children must be prioritized in education, safety, nurturing and care. Without a focus on children, TCC tribes will be continually combatting high rates of substance abuse, suicide, crime, and children in government custody; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal Courts are a powerful tool that can both protect children and also preserve families, cultural values and Tribal communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Currently funding and human resources for Tribal courts are limited. This often forces Tribal courts with open child protection cases to transfer a case to state court and OCS custody due to turnover, conflict of interests, or difficult family dynamics; and
- WHEREAS,** The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 recognized that it is both in the child's and Tribe's best interests for children to remain with their families, villages, and values.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors hereby directs staff to assist Tribes in applying for intertribal court funding for regional intertribal courts and to assist interested Tribes in developing intertribal agreements and processes for establishing regional tribal courts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that TCC provide technical assistance and support to Tribal Courts in the transfer of cases to regional intertribal courts rather than to OCS when a Tribe is no longer able to handle a Tribal court case; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Full Board of Directors authorizes TCC to co-operate, in partnership with TCC Region Tribal Governments that want to participate in a Regional Intertribal Court.

CERTIFICATION

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Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government

PRESERVING THE HISTORY AND PRACTICE OF THE CEREMONIAL POTLATCH, STICKDANCE

- 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,** Nulato and Kaltag are both Tribal Governments served by the Tanana Chief Conference; and
- WHEREAS,** While the traditional ceremonial potlatch known as Stickdance is only practiced today in the villages of Nulato and Kaltag, shared oral history provides the ceremony was likely practiced by many of tribes/clans in some form prior to western contact; and
- WHEREAS,** The Stickdance ceremony consists of one full week of potlatches, dancing and traditional practices that are conducted in the lower Koyukuk Athabaskan dialect. While other TCC villages and communities may not practice the Stickdance, they do all practice ceremonial potlatches that are of great cultural and community significance; and
- WHEREAS,** The Traditional practices and processes of the Stickdance are very powerful, and the history and the practices have been carried down orally for generations, with minimal written documentation of the ceremony; and
- WHEREAS,** Nulato and Kaltag, similar to other tribal communities, have lost many elders and culture bearers in the last decade. The lower Koyukuk Athabaskan language and the traditional history and practices of the Stickdance ceremony are eroding and pieces of the language and ceremony are in jeopardy of being lost permanently if not stored and revitalized for the next generation.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors hereby directs staff, subject to available funding, to assist the villages of Nulato and Kaltag, and other villages as requested, to archive and preserve the history and traditions of the Stickdance and other ceremonial potlatches.

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Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Nulato Tribal Council

PROPOSED

REQUEST FOR A BY-LAW CHANGE: THE PROCESS OF YOUTH ADVISOR APPOINTMENT TO THE E-BOARD FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EMERGING LEADERS

- 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 Emerging Leaders Youth Advisory Council (Emerging Leaders) at Tanana Chiefs Conference was established in 2017 in response to the youth and young adults in TCC Region needing a platform to address Tribal Leadership and better support and develop young adults into tribal leadership roles; and
- WHEREAS,** for many years the Emerging Leaders have provided successful mentorship and resources to many young tribal members and produced many successful young Indigenous leaders; and
- WHEREAS,** Emerging Leaders provide a vital platform for young adults in the region, including many opportunities for young adults to development their leadership skills, enhance their education on indigenous rights', and bridge the gap between the children and adults/elders in the TCC Region; and
- WHEREAS,** the current process defined in Article 7 Section 4 of the TCC By-Laws outline the original process used prior to the establishment of the Emerging Leaders Youth Advisory Council; and
- WHEREAS,** Emerging Leaders have developed their own council by-laws, qualifications for members, and process for selection they would like to use moving forward; and
- WHEREAS,** Updating the TCC by-laws will empower Emerging Leaders to select the appropriate and qualified young adult to serve as the Youth Advisor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors vote on a TCC By-Law change during the annual convention in 2024, to consider amending Article 7 Section 4 Elder Advisor and Youth Advisor'; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the proposed language for consideration would be as follows:

"There will be a Youth Advisor to serve on the TCC Executive Board of Directors. The Youth Advisor shall be an Alaskan Native tribal member ~~a resident of the State of Alaska, and an Alaska Native tribal member between the ages of 18-21, when the term begins~~ **and the Chairman of the TCC Emerging Leaders Youth Advisory Council.** The Youth Advisor may not be a fulltime employee of TCC. The Term for the Youth Advisor is three years. ~~On an election year, tribal councils shall nominate a youth for the position of Youth Advisor by submitting a letter of nomination to the TCC Executive Secretary during the 30 day period described in Article Four, Section 12. The nominees shall be presented to the TCC Emerging Leaders and the Emerging Leaders will elect the Youth Advisor."~~

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Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Emerging Leaders/Youth Delegate

OPPOSING THE OPENING OF TRADITIONAL SUBSISTENCE USE HUNTING AREA TO SPORT HUNTERS IN THE ARCTIC VILLAGE SHEEP MANAGEMENT AREA PERMANENTLY AND CLOSING OTHER CRITICAL SUBSISTENCE AREAS IN NEED OF PROTECTION

- 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,** Alaskan Natives have stewarded their territories for over 10,000 years to ensure the health, well-being, social and cultural foundation, and spiritual existence of their peoples, as well as that of the animals, lands, and waters since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS,** The Arctic Village Sheep Management Area is a critical subsistence use sheep hunting area of historical and cultural significance where our ancestors have hunted on this sacred site before us since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS,** The Neets'ait Gwich'in and all Interior Tribes have managed their subsistence resources in common with their traditional laws. For the Neets'ait Gwich'in this has translated to this important subsistence use area being closed off to sport hunters, and
- WHEREAS,** High air traffic activity caused by sport hunting and guiding parties within our traditional hunting areas has created a high influx of hunters that compete with the Neets'ait Gwich'in subsistence hunting and the current Sheep population cannot sustain this; and
- WHEREAS,** Every two years sport hunters or outside interests propose to open the Arctic Village Red Sheep Creek Management Area to outside sport hunters, and the Neets'ait Gwich'in have to endlessly advocate to keep the area closed to sport hunters and stay abreast of these efforts, and
- WHEREAS,** While the Neets'ait Gwich'in of Arctic Village will bear the greatest impact of opening the Arctic Village Red Sheep Creek Management area these nonindigenous stressors impact our collective wildlife populations and need additional support and advocacy efforts to keep the area closed off to sport hunters permanently; and

WHEREAS, Sport and commercial hunting and fishing interests are threatening critical subsistence resources throughout the Tanana Chiefs region and have led to a drastic decline in the Chinook salmon runs in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Rivers and the Western Arctic caribou herd; and

WHEREAS, TCC and its member villages are endlessly having to advocate at Alaska Department of Fish and Game for limits on commercial and sport hunting and fishing to protect our food security and survival of our people.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors does hereby support the Neets'aii Gwich'in traditional sheep management decision to maintain the Red Sheep Creek and Crane Creek closures to sport hunters within the Arctic Village Sheep Management Area permanently; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Tanana Chiefs Board of Directors does hereby support all TCC communities to advocate and encourage permanent solutions to protecting the food security of our people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Board of Directors does direct the Tribal Stewardship Program to work with Arctic Village and other TCC villages to advocate for a permanent solution to closing the Arctic Village Sheep Management Area and other critical subsistence use areas to sport hunting and fishing and outside interests that negatively affect subsistence rights; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall be the policy of Tanana Chiefs Conference.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 15, 2023 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

PATIENT MEDICAL LODGING AND MEALS

- 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 Health Service's vision is **"Healthy People Across Generations"**; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC compacts and contracts for Indian Health Service (IHS) funding for qualified members of the TCC Region; and
- WHEREAS,** Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center (CAIHC) is based in Fairbanks, Alaska which results in rural patients to travel for much needed and unplanned health care; and
- WHEREAS,** Traveling in or out of Rural Alaska can be difficult due to limited flights, limited hotels and inclement weather; and
- WHEREAS,** Patients are sometimes required to extend their stay in Fairbanks for follow up care stay, weather, plane cancellations or other various reasons with little or no resources or support; and
- WHEREAS,** Patients have a difficult time contacting patient travel afterhours, weekends, and holidays to extend their stay when required or due to no fault of their own; and
- WHEREAS,** Patients call back or wait times for afterhours, weekends and holidays service can exceed reasonable exceptions; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC Executive Board made the decision to change the use of the Willow House Hotel to be a Housing First model therefore adding to the shortage of available lodging for rural patients requiring medical care; and
- WHEREAS,** During tourism season in Fairbanks there is an extreme shortage of available lodging when the patient is required to extend that creates unneeded stress and burden on the patient, family or tribe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to ensure that patients have all of the travel information and accommodations they require in a timely manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that TCC Full Board of Directors directs staff to ensure that patient lodging and meals needs are met without creating a burden for the patient or family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that TCC Full Board of Directors directs staff to ensure that no medical care is delayed or cancelled due to the lack of adequate lodging; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the TCC Full Board of Directors directs staff to review the current travel process and revise it to ensure that our tribal members needs are met, and we can achieve the vision of “Healthy People Across Generations”.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 15, 2023 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Tanana Tribal Council

PATIENT MEDICAL LODGING AND MEALS

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 compacts and contracts for Indian Health Service (IHS) funding for Native Alaskan peoples living in the TCC Region. TCC Health Service's vision is "Healthy People Across Generations"; and

~~**WHEREAS,** TCC compacts and contracts for Indian Health Service (IHS) funding for qualified members of the TCC Region; and~~

WHEREAS, Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center (CAIHC) is based in Fairbanks, Alaska, which requires suits in rural patients to travel into Fairbanks for ~~much needed and planned and~~ unplanned health care needs; and

WHEREAS, Traveling in or out of ~~r~~Rural Alaska can be difficult due to limited flights, limited hotel availabilitys and inclement weather. Patients are often required to extend their stay in Fairbanks due to unplanned

~~**WHEREAS,** follow-up care, weather complications, and plane cancellations with little or no resources or support; and~~

~~**WHEREAS,**~~

~~**WHEREAS,** Patients are sometimes required to extend their stay in Fairbanks for follow up care stay, weather, plane cancellations or other various reasons with little or no resources or support; and~~

~~**WHEREAS,** During these unexpected stays and unforeseen circumstances, pPatients can experiencehave a difficultiest time contacting patient travel afterhours, and on weekends, and holidays to extend their stay.~~

~~**WHEREAS,** when required or due to no fault of their own; and~~

~~Patients call back or wait times for afterhours, weekends and holidays service can exceed reasonable exceptions; and~~

~~**WHEREAS,** TCC Executive Board made the decision to change the use of the Willow House Hotel to be a Housing First model therefore adding to the shortage of available lodging for rural patients requiring medical care; and~~

~~During tourism season in Fairbanks there is an extreme shortage of available lodging when the patient is required to extend that creates unneeded stress and burden on the patient, family or tribe.~~

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to review current patient travel policies to develop and/or improve existing policies and procedures to: (1) ensure that patients have all of the travel information and accommodations they require in a timely manner; and (2) ;—and to prevent unnecessary delay or cancellation of medical care due to the lack of adequate lodging in Fairbanks.

~~**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that TCC Full Board of Directors directs staff to ensure that patient lodging and meals needs are met without creating a burden for the patient or family; and~~

~~**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that TCC Full Board of Directors directs staff to ensure that no medical care is delayed or cancelled due to the lack of adequate lodging; and~~

~~**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors directs staff to review the current travel process and revise it to ensure that our tribal members needs are met, and we can achieve the vision of “Healthy People Across Generations”.~~

CERTIFICATION

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Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Tanana Tribal Council

Edits: Edited for clarity, style, format, duplicative content, and grammar.

PALLIATIVE CARE

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 adopted the guiding principle: Ch'eghwtsen', which in our language translates to "true love", "Accessible and trusted world-class services provided with unconditional love, compassion, dignity, and respect. "HEAR ME"; 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, Our elders are our most precious resource; and

WHEREAS, TCC nor our tribal communities have palliative care housing to adequately address the palliative care needs of our elders and/or terminally ill tribal members; and

WHEREAS, Families and friends from villages and urban centers are left to provide for their elders and/or terminally ill loved one's care with little or no resources available; and

WHEREAS, Many tribal member request to return home, to be around family and friends when they are close to end of life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to look for funding to assist Tribes in building palliative care housing in tribal villages that desire and want them.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 15, 2023 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Tanana Tribal Council

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION TO RESEARCH FUNDING SOURCES TO ESTABLISH INCREASED PALLIATIVE CARE RESOURCES

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 adopted the guiding principle, Ch'eghwtsen', which ~~h~~^h ~~in our language~~ translates to "true love", "Accessible and trusted world-class services provided with unconditional love, compassion, dignity, ~~and respect.~~ "HEAR ME"; and

WHEREAS, TCC ~~compacts and contracts for Health Service funding for Alaskan Native peoples living in the TCC region, and~~ 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, Elders from each TCC community are our most precious resource that should have the ability to remain in their home villages if they choose and receive palliative care. Neither TCC nor its tribal communities currently have palliative care housing to adequately address the

~~**WHEREAS,** palliative care needs of our elders and/or terminally ill tribal members; 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,** Our elders are our most precious resource; and Families and friends from villages and urban centers are left to provide for their elders and/or terminally ill loved one's care with little or no~~

~~**WHEREAS,** resources available, and many tribal members would rather return home to friends and family at the end of life.~~

~~**WHEREAS,** TCC nor our tribal communities have palliative care housing to adequately address the palliative care needs of our elders and/or terminally ill tribal members; and~~

~~Families and friends from villages and urban centers are left to provide for their elders and/or terminally ill loved one's care with little or no resources available; and~~

~~Many tribal member request to return home, to be around family and friends when they are close to end of life.~~

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to ~~research~~~~look for~~ funding opportunities and other solutions to assist Tribes and tribal members in building or converting pre-existing tribal infrastructure into palliative care housing in ~~tribal~~ villages as requested by tribes that desire and want them.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 15, 2023 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Tanana Tribal Council

Edits- Edited for clarity, style, grammar and formatting. Removed reference to Tanana's prior hospital to make the resolution regional in nature, as every TCC community faces these issues. Input from Health Staff also provided that TCC and village members should be looking at pre-existing infrastructure, such as COVID housing, in addition to building to new infrastructure to provide palliative care support and housing in villages.

TIMELY ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

- 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 Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center (CAIHC) patient handbook states: Tanana Chiefs Conference Health Services seeks to deliver health care that is grounded in the diverse cultures and values of each community we serve. **We will provide accessible patient-centered systems that promote safe, timely, effective, efficient, and equitable care that is sustainable;** and
- WHEREAS,** The vision of TCC Health Services is Healthy People Across Generations and we cannot achieve that vision if patients are not able to schedule routine and timely appointments; and
- WHEREAS,** Patients of CAIHC do not always get routine, timely and effective care because scheduling medical appointments with their provider from their care teams are 4 to 6 weeks out if not longer depending on the provider; 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,** Patients of CAIHC do not always get routine, timely and effective care because scheduling dental appointments are over two years out; and
- WHEREAS,** Patients of CAIHC do not always get routine, timely and effective care because behavioral health is often understaffed, overwhelmed with crisis response and unable to accommodate mental health intake appointments same week or manage high caseloads; and
- WHEREAS,** Patients of CAIHC do not always get routine, timely and effective care because same day appointments are limited or unavailable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors hereby directs the TCC Health Department to create a plan to improve access to care in all service programs that will implement an effective and efficient process for achieving our vision of “**Healthy People Across Generations**”; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Full Board of Directors hereby directs TCC Health Department staff to provide the tribes quarterly reports explaining the progress on improving access to care in all service programs.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 15, 2023 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Tanana Tribal Council

TIMELY ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE **RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE TIMELY ACCESS TO CARE**

WHEREAS, Tanana Chiefs Conference ~~(TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal~~ seeks to deliver health care that is grounded in the diverse cultures and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, values of each community it serves. TCC seeks to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture accessible, patient-centered systems that promote safe, timely, effective, efficient, and equitable care that is sustainable for future generations. The vision of the Interior Alaska Native TCC Health Services is Healthy People Across Generations; and

WHEREAS, ~~The Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center (CAIHC) patient handbook states: Tanana Chiefs Conference Health Services seeks to deliver health care that is grounded in the diverse cultures and values of each community we serve. We will provide accessible patient-centered systems that promote safe, timely, effective, efficient, and equitable care that is sustainable;~~ and To ensure the vision of Healthy People Across Generations is fulfilled patients must be able to schedule routine and timely appointments for all their medical, dental and behavioral health needs; and

WHEREAS, ~~The vision of TCC Health Services is Healthy People Across Generations and we cannot achieve that vision if patients are not able to schedule routine and timely appoints; and Due to funding structures, staffing shortages, and high need areas, some departments at Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center, such as dental and behavioral health, can have long waiting periods when scheduling routine, non-emergency appointments; and~~

WHEREAS, ~~Patients of CAIHC do not always get routine, timely and effective care because scheduling medical appointments with their provider from their care teams are 4 to 6 weeks out if not longer depending on the provider; and~~

WHEREAS, ~~In the past Indian Health Service had a hospital located in Tanana, Alaska that provided~~ TCC continually strives to provide tribal members timely access to high-quality, preventative health care from Birth to Death for our Native people; and

WHEREAS, ~~Patients of CAIHC do not always get routine, timely~~ continually seeks to improve patience experience and effective quality of care

WHEREAS, ~~because scheduling, including timely access to medical, dental appointments are over two years out; and~~

WHEREAS, ~~Patients of CAIHC do not always get routine, timely and effective care because behavioral health is often understaffed, overwhelmed with crisis response and unable to accommodate mental health intake appointments same week or manage high caseloads; and~~

~~Patients of CAIHC do not always get routine, timely and effective care because same day appointments are limited or unavailable.~~

services for all beneficiaries.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ~~the~~ Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of ~~Directors hereby~~ Directors hereby directs the TCC ~~Health Department staff~~ to create a plan continuously monitor and update its quality assurance and patience experience policies and procedures, as well as research funding opportunities to address delays in scheduling appointments to improve access to care in all service programs ~~that will implement an effective and efficient process for achieving our vision of “Healthy People Across Generations”; and;~~ and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Full Board of Directors hereby directs TCC Health Department staff to provide ~~the tribes~~ quarterly semi-annual status reports at the spring and fall subregional meetings explaining ~~the TCC’s~~ progress on improving increased timely access to medical, dental, and behavioral health ~~care in all service programs.~~

CERTIFICATION

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Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Tanana Tribal Council

Edits: Edited for clarity, style, formatting and grammar. Resolution is substantively changed in tone to comply with TCC's resolutions rules to be forward thinking and solution-oriented.

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION FOR A BASKETBALL HOUSE

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, Basketball has become an important cultural activity, and healthy outlet, for so many Alaskan Native peoples within Fairbanks and throughout all of TCC's member villages, and generally across Alaska; and

WHEREAS, The Alaskan Native community currently lacks a facility to host basketball tournaments in Fairbanks; high school gyms operate on their own schedules, and no facility will host activities free of charge which makes utilizing private gyms economically difficult for many tribal members; and

WHEREAS, A basketball house owned and operated by Alaskan Native peoples would be a pride and joy for both Fairbanks and rural Alaskan Native communities within interior Alaska. It would provide a location for basketball to be played, and tournaments held, that could be utilized by TCC member villages, Fairbanks, and other Alaskan Native villages throughout the State. Importantly, it would strengthen family, community, and inter-tribal bonds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs TCC staff to research funding and partnership opportunities that could help create a basketball house in Fairbanks that would benefit all Alaskan Native communities in interior Alaska.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 15, 2023 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Fairbanks Native Association

HONORING THE MISSING PERSONS RESOLUTION

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, Members of the Tanana Chiefs Community are Murdered and Missing leaving an indelible loss to families, tribes, and communities; and

WHEREAS, We, as Tribal Leaders within the Tanana Chiefs Region would like to create a place for families and friends of those missing to come together to honor those that are lost; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Leaders would like to create a memorial bench and/or garden where those who have gone missing or have been murdered will have their names engraved to forever be remembered.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors want to honor those Missing Native People by creating a memorial bench and/or garden, subject to availability of funds, for loved ones and the community to gather to remember all missing and murdered indigenous peoples, including but not limited to, Doren Sanford, Frank Minano, Debbie Nictune, Willis Derendoff, Lorraine Ginnis, and Meleah Peter.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 15, 2023 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

**A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST A WAIVER OF INCOME LIMITS
FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
(DOI) BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) HOUSING
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HIP) DOWN PAYMENT
ASSISTANCE (CATEGORY D) PROGRAM TO BETTER
SUPPORT LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN THEIR PURSUIT
OF HOMEOWNERSHIP**

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 Housing Department promotes our tribal vision of strong, healthy unified tribes through the construction of new homes in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Tribal members in the TCC service area would benefit from the support offered by the BIA HIP Down Payment Assistance (Category D) program, but currently exceed the authorized income limit, which is figured at 150 percent of the poverty line; and

WHEREAS, Tanana Chiefs Conference asserts that substituting the current HIP income limit with the maximum 80 percent of area median income authorized by NAHASDA, utilized by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), would increase the number of AN/AI households who may qualify for assistance under this program and lead toward a greater number of beneficiaries who can afford to become homeowners; and

WHEREAS, Tanana Chiefs Conference acknowledges that using the NAHASDA-authorized income limit better aligns with existing HUD-funded and other housing programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors hereby approved the request for a waiver of income limits for the DOI BIA HIP Down Payment Assistance (Category D) program to better support low income households in their pursuit of homeownership.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 15, 2023 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Loudon Tribal Council

PROPOSED

Subregional / Village Specific Resolution

FEDERAL RECOGNITION SUPPORT REQUEST

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, Despite Lake Minchumina being initially recognized as a Native Group by the Department of the Interior after ANCSA became law, this decision was reversed after the non-native community residing at Lake Minchumina started a 24-year long legal battle that resulted in Lake Minchumina losing its land claim eligibility under ANCSA; and

WHEREAS, Though the seven original members were denied native group status by the federal government, they are regarded as a native entity by TCC. A new generation of descendants aspire to strengthen and rejuvenate tribal status at Lake Minchumina.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors supports and directs staff to help Lake Minchumina in its application to become a federally recognized native group and/or tribe.

CERTIFICATION

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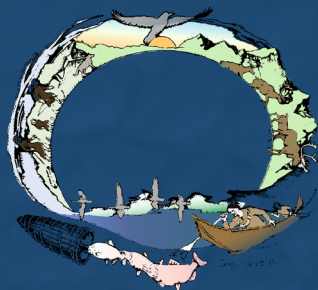
Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

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.



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