

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 surveying 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.

RESOLUTION 2023 - 01
Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors



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

BE IT FINALLY 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.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2023 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charlie Wright".

Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer



Submitted by: Circle Tribal Council