

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.

RESOLUTION 2023 - 02
Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors



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.

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.





Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Northway Village Council