

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.

RESOLUTION 2023 - 11
Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors



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 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.

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: Emerging Leaders/Youth Delegate