

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 build a Fairbanks gymnasium and create or update basketball courts in all 42 TCC communities that would benefit all Alaskan Native communities in interior Alaska; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that if funding and a location or facility is identified to create a basketball gym that the plan is brought back to the full board, and that such plan address purchase, construction and operation and maintenance costs.

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: Fairbanks Native Association