

## ADDRESSING THE EPIDEMIC OF OBESITY

**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,** In the TCC service area, the prevalence of obesity among adult Indian Health Service (IHS) beneficiaries aged 20-70 is 45%, which is higher than national averages, and continues to increase; and

**WHEREAS,** In the TCC service area, the prevalence of obesity among 5–15-year-old IHS beneficiaries has increased from 5% to 25% over the last four decades, and continues to increase; and

**WHEREAS,** Obesity is linked to numerous health problems including cancer, heart disease, liver disease, diabetes and shortened life expectancy; and

**WHEREAS,** The current and increasing prevalence of obesity will lead to premature acute and chronic illness, increased healthcare costs, and increased needs for healthcare services; and

**WHEREAS,** TCC's Health Services mission is "to promote and enhance spiritual, physical, mental and emotional wellness through education, prevention, and the delivery of quality services"; and

**WHEREAS,** TCC recognizes the urgent need to address the obesity epidemic in our beneficiaries and improve the health and well-being of future generations.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors recognize the urgent need to address the epidemic of obesity among TCC beneficiaries; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors, subject to available funding, directs Health Services to allocate stable base funding to establish a comprehensive Weight Management Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors directs Health Services, subject to available funding, to assure the Weight Management Program is comprehensive, well supported and staffed, evidence based, and culturally relevant, incorporating traditional diets and lifestyles, and community engagement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors directs Health Services, subject to available funding, to assure the Weight Management Program focuses on obesity prevention from conception through childhood, and provides continued support and medical management for adults with obesity; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Weight Management Program will be available to all beneficiaries equitably across the TCC region including TCC patients in our villages; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors commits to delivering regular progress reports on the Weight Management Program at the Annual Full Board of Directors Meeting and the TCC Health Board.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 12<sup>th</sup> / March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Submitted by:** Fairbanks Native Association

**AMEND THE ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM ERA VETERANS  
ALLOTMENT ACT TO INCLUDE ALL ALASKA NATIVE  
VIETNAM ERA VETERANS WHO SERVED BETWEEN  
01/01/1972 THROUGH 05/07/1975**

- 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 Native people have existed on our lands from time immemorial, taking their sustenance from the lands and waters; and
- WHEREAS,** The Native people have always volunteered to help defend our great nation in times of war; and
- WHEREAS,** The Indigenous People of America, per-capita, have the highest percentage rate of enlistment in times of war; and
- WHEREAS,** The Alaska Native Vietnam Era Veterans Allotment Act was opened to Alaska Native veterans who served in the military between August 5, 1964, and December 31, 1971, but was not open to those veterans who served after December 31, 1971, because ANCSA repealed the Alaska Native Allotment Act; and
- WHEREAS,** The Native Allotment Act benefited one group of Alaska Native Vietnam Era veterans while alienating another group of Alaska Native Vietnam Era veterans who also served their country during war; and
- WHEREAS,** The Alaska Native Vietnam Era veterans who served between January 1, 1972, and May 7, 1975, are locked out of receiving the benefits of the Alaska Native Vietnam Era Veterans Allotment Act; and
- WHEREAS,** Many Alaska Native veterans who served between August 5, 1964, and December 31, 1971, and were eligible for the benefits of the Native Allotment Act, did not know to apply for allotments.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to contact the Alaska Congressional Delegation, as well as major state and national indigenous organizations such as AFN, ANCSA corporations, and NCAI, to help lobby for the inclusion of Alaska Native Vietnam Era Veterans who served between January 1, 1972 and May 7, 1975, into the Alaska Native Vietnam Era Veterans Allotment Act.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
***Secretary/Treasurer***

**Submitted by:** Tanana Tribal Council

PROPOSED

## ADDRESSING BIA FUNDING EQUITY FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

**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 United States government has a trust responsibility to tribes, and to support tribal self-governance and protect tribal treaty rights, lands, assets, and resources; and

**WHEREAS,** The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) plays a vital role in carrying out the federal trust responsibility, and in serving tribes through various programs; and

**WHEREAS,** For years Congress has not appropriated enough funds to the BIA to fulfill its required federal trust responsibility, and the BIA has been distributing funding based on the 1992 tribal base enrollment; and

**WHEREAS,** The cost of living in rural Alaska is significantly higher than in other parts of the country, necessitating increased funding for Alaskan Tribes to maintain equivalent levels of service to their tribal members; and

**WHEREAS,** Some Alaskan Tribes have experienced an increase in their tribal enrollment, thereby expanding their responsibility to ensure the health and welfare of their tribal members without a corresponding increase in funding.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors calls upon Congress to honor the federal trust obligations and provide adequate, equitable, and non-discretionary funding to Alaska Tribes; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors directs staff to research the BIA funding formula to ensure equity in BIA funding distribution across Indian Country.

## **CERTIFICATION**

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
***Secretary/Treasurer***

**Submitted by:** Huslia Tribal Council

## **CONDUCTING A FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT BUSINESS TO SUPPORT TCC'S REENTRY PROGRAM AND CREATE JOBS FOR ALASKA NATIVE PEOPLES WITH CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS**

**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 Alaska Criminal Justice System disproportionately impacts Alaskan Native individuals, and many Alaska Native peoples have criminal histories that prevent them from gainful employment at TCC due to the legal requirements of the Indian Child Protection Act (ICPA) despite being fully rehabilitated and healthy members of their communities; and many reentrants are unable to find gainful employment due to their recent criminal history or probation status; and

**WHEREAS,** Learning professional skills and finding decent paying employment is a key to rehabilitation and reentry back into the community after a criminal conviction; and other Alaskan tribes have successfully started reentry programs and independent businesses to employ Alaskan Native peoples with criminal convictions; and

**WHEREAS,** TCC has a need for vehicle maintenance, detailing, and mechanical services for its vehicle and boat fleet that is currently outsourced to private automotive businesses; and TCC could create jobs, educational opportunities, and training programs, while strengthening its Reentry program, through the creation of an independent business that could employ Alaskan Native peoples with criminal convictions to learn valuable mechanical skills.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, subject to available funding, directs TCC staff to conduct a feasibility analysis of operating an independent business, not subject to ICPA requirements, such as an automotive shop, as a component of TCC's Reentry program, as well as research reentry grants and other funding sources that could provide the financial support to help create a business that could provide employment opportunities for reentrants and rehabilitated Alaskan Native peoples with criminal convictions.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
***Secretary/Treasurer***

**Submitted by:** Emerging Leaders Youth Advisory Council



## DAY OF PEACEFUL PROTEST FOR THE SURVIVAL OF THE SALMON ON THE YUKON RIVER

- 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 people of the Yukon and Tanana Rivers and all the tributaries have depended on salmon and other fish species since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS,** Current State and Federal management have failed and continues to fail to protect fish resources; and
- WHEREAS,** The trawling industry is allowed to continue fishing and targets the salmon bound for the Yukon and Tanana rivers; and
- WHEREAS,** Hardship, loss of culture and unhealthy diets are affecting our people in unacceptable ways; and
- WHEREAS,** Years and years of advocacy by the individuals who live along these water systems have a right to see and demand changes before it is too late to save these precious fish resources.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors supports and recognizes June 20, 2025, as a Day of Peaceful Protest, to show solidarity with all the communities along the Yukon and Tanana Rivers and all of their tributaries, to fight for our Salmon and bring awareness to the fight to save all our fish resources and our continued way of life; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors direct staff, subject to available funding, to assist the Tribes and communities in organizing this event to educate Alaska, the United States, and the world, to see and understand what is occurring in our river systems.

## **CERTIFICATION**

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
***Secretary/Treasurer***

**Submitted by:** Tanana Tribal Council

PROPOSED

## EDUCATING YOUTH & TCC COMMUNITIES ON HUNTING AND GUN SAFETY TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE AND PREVENTABLE DEATHS

**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,** Some young people are carrying guns in public places, or while hunting, in unsafe and/or playful manners, unaware of the potential lethal consequences such actions could have, and many young people have never taken a gun safety or hunting training courses; and

**WHEREAS,** As a result, youth across TCC's villages, and in Fairbanks, have tragically died due to the mishandling of firearms and in hunting accidents involving firearms; and

**WHEREAS,** There are currently no hunter safety or firearm handling education courses offered by TCC directed towards tribal members and TCC communities; and in-person education courses about the proper handling of firearms and hunter safety will help prevent deaths.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, subject to available funding, hereby directs TCC staff to develop or partner to offer in-person hunter safety and gun handling education classes to tribal members and TCC communities.

### CERTIFICATION

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

**Submitted by:** Emerging Leaders Youth Advisory Council

## FISHWHEEL ACCESS AND EDUCATION

**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,** Our people have made and used fishwheels for generations; and

**WHEREAS,** Fishwheels continue to be a critical means of harvesting fish to feed our families; and

**WHEREAS,** Many of our people do not have a fishwheel to use or have the proper size net to catch fish; and

**WHEREAS,** Many do not have access to a fishing site close to where they live and are unable to travel long distances from their village; and

**WHEREAS,** We must pass down the knowledge of how to construct a fishwheel to current and future generations, so we do not lose an essential part of our culture; and

**WHEREAS,** Due to the Yukon Chinook crisis, TCC often sends fish to our villages, but the fish is not always in the best condition.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, subject to available funding, directs staff to use funds that would otherwise have been used to send fish to the villages, to instead allow villages that so elect, to use those funds to purchase fuel to travel to remote fishing sites open to fishing, and for supplies to construct fishwheels for future use and education.

### CERTIFICATION

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Submitted by:** Ruby Tribal Council

## INCLUSION OF TRAPLINES IN FULL PROTECTION STATUS FOR WILDLAND FIRE LAND MANAGEMENT CLASSIFICATIONS

- 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,** Fire protection options in Alaska provide for a full range of suppression responses from aggressive control and extinguishment to surveillance. Firefighter and public safety are of the highest priority for all options; and
- WHEREAS,** The state is divided into four categories of protection: critical, full, modified, and limited. These management options are determined by the land manager and are re-evaluated annually; and
- WHEREAS,** Most of rural Alaska is not immediately located next to communities or allotments and is therefore categorized as “limited” which is the lowest priority for suppression; and
- WHEREAS,** Many traplines, which are crucial for traditional and cultural practices, take decades to establish and maintain; and
- WHEREAS,** The loss of traplines due to wildfire can take years to recover, significantly affecting the livelihood and cultural heritage of families who are dependent on them; and
- WHEREAS,** While families are capable of rebuilding allotment cabins in a short time, the recovery of traplines and loss of traditional knowledge cannot be similarly expedited; and
- WHEREAS,** Current policies do not sufficiently account for the protection of traplines from wildfires.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, subject to available funding, direct staff to catalog known and historic data on traplines and use that information to urge land management agencies to add these culturally significant land resources to “critical” or “full” protection status warranting priority intervention when threatened by wildfires.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

**Submitted by:** Emerging Leaders Youth Advisory Council

## REQUEST TO TCC TO INCREASE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN THE LIHEAP DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE TIMELY APPLICATION PROCESSING

- 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 Tribes in the TCC region authorize TCC to administer the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP); and
- WHEREAS,** For over forty years Tribal members and community members have received services from the LIHEAP program administered by TCC; and
- WHEREAS,** The members of the Tribes and the citizens of those communities and Fairbanks are being negatively impacted due to a slow turnaround for their LIHEAP Applications due to low staffing and employee retention problems, the increasing number of applications, and overall high workload volume of the LIHEAP Program; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribes who manage their LIHEAP programs are not receiving proper communication and letters of notification from TCC's LIHEAP program and this causes confusion with the vendors for both fuel and wood, further delaying access to much-needed heating sources during the harsh winter months; and
- WHEREAS,** It is critical for Tribal Councils to perform internal audits on the LIHEAP program to ensure proper spending of prior wood recipient funds, and Tribal Councils have not been able to access previous years' information due to TCC's low staffing; and
- WHEREAS,** Employee pay has not kept up with the cost of inflation, increasing the need for the LIHEAP program and heating assistance within communities, which has also significantly increased the volume of LIHEAP applicants.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, subject to available funding, directs TCC staff to prioritize filling the vacant LIHEAP positions, and increase program staffing from two employees to a minimum of three employees, who are dedicated to the LIHEAP program to meet the increasing energy assistance needs of TCC communities.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
***Secretary/Treasurer***

**Submitted by:** McGrath Native Village Council

PROPOSED



## **RESOLUTION CONDEMNING JEFFERY AMHERST MASS MURDERER WHO INTRODUCED BIOLOGICAL WARFARE TO THE INDIGENOUS OF AMERICA**

- 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 Indigenous Peoples have occupied this great land from time immemorial, taking game, fish, and fowl from our lands and waters; and
- WHEREAS,** Because of their beliefs the world was flat, and if they ventured too far from land, they would fall off the edge of the world; and
- WHEREAS,** The Indigenous People of this great land and country were occupying this land when the European Christian explorers and colonists came to these shores; and
- WHEREAS,** It was the Indigenous People who saved the lives of the first settlers, that allowed them to survive; and
- WHEREAS,** The Christian colonists began coveting the minerals and lands possessed and occupied by the Indigenous Peoples, and armed struggles began; and
- WHEREAS,** The British general Jeffery Amherst ordered that smallpox laden blankets be distributed to the Indigenous villages surrounding Fort Pitt Pennsylvania, to "extirpate this execrable race"; and
- WHEREAS,** Colonel Bouquet replied in a letter that he intended to distribute smallpox laden blankets to the Indigenous people; and
- WHEREAS,** Private William Trent wrote in a letter, that he had helped distribute smallpox laden blankets, to the Indigenous People, in hopes of the desired effects; and
- WHEREAS,** Immediately after the smallpox laden blankets were distributed to the Indigenous Peoples, entire villages of men, women, children and babies were snuffed out from smallpox; and

**WHEREAS,** A university, college, and towns, are named after Jeffery Amherst<sup>1</sup>, mass murderer who used biological warfare, for the first time in America in June 1763.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, subject to available funding, work with other state and federal Indigenous entities to lobby to have Jeffery Amherst's name removed from the university and college and towns named after him; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, subject to available funding, advocate to other state and federal Indigenous entities such as NCAI, to condemn General Jeffery Amherst for using Biological Warfare against the Indigenous People to tear them away from their lands by their roots.

### **CERTIFICATION**

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**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Submitted by:** Tanana Tribal Council

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<sup>1</sup> In Alaska there are two geographical places named after Jeffery Amherst: Amherst Peak and Amherst Glacier.

## **RESOLUTION DEMANDING THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS AND STATE OF ALASKA MAKE A FORMAL APOLOGY TO THE FAIRBANKS FOUR, FOR UNLAWFULLY IMPRISONING THEM FOR THE MURDER OF JOHN HARTMAN, WHILE ONE OF THE KILLERS OF JOHN HARTMAN WAS FREE TO MURDER AGAIN**

**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,** On a dark night on October 17, 1997, John Hartman was brutally attacked by unknown assailants, resulting in his death; and

**WHEREAS,** The investigators quickly zeroed in on Eugene Vent, George Frese, Marvin Roberts, and Kevin Pease, four Indigenous youth; and

**WHEREAS,** Despite their denials of involvement, and despite numerous witnesses for the defendants, and many accused of lying on behalf of the Fairbanks Four and threatened with arrest; and

**WHEREAS,** There is documentation that the City of Fairbanks and State of Alaska knew that William Z. Holmes signed a written confession, confessing he and three others were the ones who brutally beat John Hartman, which resulted in his death; and

**WHEREAS,** As a result of the racially motivated investigations, deliberate misconduct from the investigators, and racially motivated statements from the State of Alaska Assistant District Attorney, the Fairbanks Four spent half of their lives behind bars, all being sentenced to 33 to 79 years in prison; and

**WHEREAS,** There is documentation from correctional Officer Joseph Torquato to the City of Fairbanks police department, that was sent to the State of Alaska District Attorney's office, making them aware that in December 2011, that William Z. Holmes had signed a statement admitting that he and 3 others were the ones who brutally beat and kicked John Hartman on that night; and

**WHEREAS,** The signed statement in August 2012, was not followed up by the State of Alaska District Attorney's office; and

**WHEREAS,** The confessed killers of John Hartman confessed to additionally murdering another 3 to 4 individuals after the unlawful imprisonment of the Fairbanks Four; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Fairbanks and State of Alaska sat on the signed confessions of William Z. Holmes, and a witness statement that he had heard Jason Wallace brag about Hartman's murder, and who was also implicated in the deaths of another 3-4 people after the Fairbanks Four were unlawfully imprisoned; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Fairbanks and State of Alaska has repeatedly dodged taking accountability for the racist actions and racist rhetoric from the Assistant District Attorney during the trial, including statements such as "Village People will back each other up no matter what" and instead promoted the Assistant District Attorney; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Fairbanks and State of Alaska District Attorney's office refuse to compensate the Fairbanks Four, with compensation comparable to other states who compensated people who were railroaded and unlawfully imprisoned, based on who they are and the color of their skin.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, and Tribal entities, demand the City of Fairbanks formerly apologize to the Fairbanks Four for allowing racist employees to falsely imprison the Fairbanks Four for half their lives, while the perpetrators of the brutal beating of John Hartman went on to murder more people, after the Fairbanks Four's imprisonment; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors demand the City of Fairbanks and State of Alaska, due to the racism and malfeasance of the their employees who were charged with the safety and wellbeing of all under their jurisdictions, fully compensate the Fairbanks Four, comparable to what the Central Park Five received for being unlawfully imprisoned by their justice system, for spending 17 years unlawfully imprisoned for a murder they did not commit, while the confessed killers went on to murder more people.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
***Secretary/Treasurer***

**Submitted by:** Tanana Tribal Council

PROPOSED

## **RESOLUTION DEMANDING THE VATICAN, EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS, AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, RESCIND THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY**

- 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 Indigenous People have inhabited this great land from time immemorial, taking from its lands and waters, game, fish, and fowl for sustenance; and
- WHEREAS,** The Indigenous Peoples were occupying this great land when the European immigrants began taking the Indigenous Peoples resources and colonizing Indigenous Peoples lands; and
- WHEREAS,** The newcomers used, and continue to use, the rationale from The Doctrine of Discovery, as crafted by greedy popes and European monarchs, in the early to late 1400's, 14 centuries after the execution of their refugee prophet Jesus, at the hands of a parasitic invader Roman empire, as implored by greedy priests, money changers, and Jewish Elders; and
- WHEREAS,** The greedy popes and European monarchs had already spent centuries shaking down their own peoples, vassals and serf slaves for profit and power; and
- WHEREAS,** The timeline for the Doctrine of Discovery coincides with the timeline the Europeans discovered Mother Earth was not flat, and that they would not fall off the edge of the world; and
- WHEREAS,** The Doctrine of Discovery directly breaks from the Teachings of Jesus and breaks all of the Creator's 10 Commandments; and
- WHEREAS,** The Doctrine of Discovery is nothing more than a continuation of the actions of the greedy priests, moneychangers, and Jewish elders, who had the Roman Empire execute the refugee prophet Jesus Christ, after whom the Christian religion is named after; and
- WHEREAS,** The Doctrine of Discovery decrees come from greedy individuals, who used intimidation, deceit, lies, suffering, and introduced diseases and genocide to get what they coveted; and

- WHEREAS,** The premature deaths of the Indigenous People in this country, since the days of Columbus, far exceeds the combined deaths of people going back to the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, War Mexico, American Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, 9/11, Iraq, and Afghanistan; and
- WHEREAS,** The Doctrine of Discovery gave Christians the Vatican's approval to become invader parasitic Christian governments, to invade non-Christian countries, to seize all their holdings and do to the non-Christians what they will; and
- WHEREAS,** The timeline of the Discovery Doctrine is recorded by the years each European Christian government invaded each country in Africa, North and South America, Asia, and the Middle East; and
- WHEREAS,** The Doctrine of Discovery invasions destroyed non-Christian government structures, with each succeeding government consisting of military governors, or propped up dictatorships, tasked with keeping the Indigenous populations in line, to prevent protest and roadblocks, to the transfer of minerals and wealth, from the Indigenous owners, to the invading Christian governments and their corporate and individual thieves; and
- WHEREAS,** Like the Roman Empire propped up dictator Herod, who forced the family of Jesus to be refugees, before greedy priests, money changers and Jewish Elders had the Roman leeches execute Jesus, the Europeans, then American governments, assigned governors and propped up dictators, who then used intimidation, terror, torture, kidnappings, rape, and mass murder to keep their Indigenous population in line while their mineral resources and lands were stolen and coerced; and
- WHEREAS,** Each succeeding government in the occupied and conquered lands, were cruel continuances of the Doctrine of Discovery, that started the process of creating the refugees and immigrants of color, who our American state and federal Christian politicians kick away today; and
- WHEREAS,** The Doctrine of Discovery has none of the blessings, or ethics and morality and teachings of Jesus, and break every one of our Creators 10 Commandments we are told to govern our lives by; and
- WHEREAS,** The Indigenous People of America have had the most obscene Statistics for many decades, of different types of violence, substance abuses, and premature deaths, from violence and accidents, and especially suicides, as a result of the Doctrine of Discovery.



**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, subject to available funding, directs staff to contact other state and national Indigenous organizations, and work and coordinate together, with the end result of demanding the Vatican, the European governments, and the American government rescind, not renounce or repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery, but to COMPLETELY rescind the Doctrine of Discovery, as it goes completely opposite the teachings of Jesus, and break every one of the Creator's 10 Commandments, by turning Christians into the same kind of profit, and power seeking parasites, as the Roman Empire, who executed the namesake of the Christian religion, Jesus; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, subject to available funding, direct staff to work with other state and federal Indigenous entities, to demand the Vatican, and European and American governments, acknowledge the damage the Doctrine of Discovery has done to many countries, and the creation of the refugees and immigrants of color, our Christian state, and federal politicians denigrate, cage and kick out of America; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, subject to available funding, direct staff to work with other Indigenous entities to demand the Vatican, and European and American governments, apologize for foisting the Doctrine of Discovery on the Indigenous of America and worldwide; and demand the Vatican, European and American governments work to make reparations or reimburse for the minerals and lands stolen and coerced from the Indigenous since the days of Columbus; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that TCC work with other Indigenous entities to demand the Vatican, and European and American governments, work with all Indigenous Tribal entities to find a way to move on together to make a better America for all races of people who call it home.

## **CERTIFICATION**

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Submitted by:** Tanana Tribal Council



## **RESOLUTION FOR MANDATORY INDIGENOUS ORIENTATION COURSE FOR ALL ELECTED, APPOINTED AND HIRED OFFICIALS, POLITICIANS AND STAFF OF STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS AND TERRITORIAL POSSESSIONS**

- 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,** For centuries the European monarchs and Vatican could only prey on their own vassals, serfs, and other people in their own lands who they deemed, and considered, lesser than themselves; and
- WHEREAS,** For centuries the European monarchs preyed on their own peoples and surrounding countries, as they were scared they would sail off the edge of the world, until the 1400s, when they discovered the world was round; and
- WHEREAS,** The Indigenous Peoples were standing on the shores of this great land when the European explorers landed, and with the Doctrine of Discovery said they owned it as Christians; and
- WHEREAS,** The Indigenous People were subjected to the same treatment, the European monarchs and Vatican gave their vassals, serfs, and all others they deemed inferior to themselves; and
- WHEREAS,** The Doctrine of Discovery was used to dispossess the Indigenous Peoples off their own lands so colonizers could take the minerals and lands which belonged to the Indigenous inhabitants occupying the lands, a process known as the American Holocaust; and
- WHEREAS,** The Indigenous survivors of the American Holocaust, were herded onto concentration camps on lands deemed worthless by the European colonizers; and
- WHEREAS,** All efforts have been to continue the dislocation of the Indigenous Peoples to further take what little minerals and lands they possess; and
- WHEREAS,** There is no organized orientation program, or training course, to orient incoming elected, appointed, or hired politicians, officials or staff, to the history of the First People in this country, dating back tens of

thousands of years, precontact, contact, and post contact; and

**WHEREAS,** The elected, appointed, and hired politicians, officials, and staff, continue to hide behind the papal bull decrees of the Discovery Doctrine, as they create laws, regulation, and policies in regard to the Indigenous People, with no input from the Indigenous People; and

**WHEREAS,** There is a need for all elected state and federal politicians, appointed officials, and hired staff, to be educated to the laws, policies and rights of the Indigenous People, in order to make laws, regulations, and policies, affecting Tribes and Tribal members.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, subject to available funding, direct staff to contact other state and federal Indigenous entities such as National Indian Health Board, National Indian Education Association, National Congress of American Indians, ANCSA Corporations, to gain support and coordination of an orientation program or training course, to be required to educate all incoming state and federal politicians, appointed officials, and hired staff, to laws, regulations, policies, and rights of the Indigenous People of this land.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Submitted by:** Tanana Tribal Council

## RESOLUTION REQUESTING TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF TRIBES TO ADDRESS OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND COMPLIANCE WITH QUALITY ASSURANCE STANDARDS

- 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,** Many of our Tribes have strong and active Tribal Courts to adjudicate cases involving tribal members under the Indian Child Welfare Act; and
- WHEREAS,** Many of our Tribes intervene in State court cases and work with the Office of Children's Services (OCS) to ensure a child's best interests are prioritized, and to work toward the reunification of tribal member families; and
- WHEREAS,** Our Tribes have witnessed multiple instances of gross negligence by OCS where their actions resulted in unnecessary trauma for the children and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** Our Tribes have expressed concerns to OCS regarding suspected misconduct of their case workers which were ignored, and later found to be accurate; 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 their Tribal Members, especially the most vulnerable and minor Tribal Members; and
- WHEREAS,** The Alaska's Fourth Annual Progress and Services Report to the 2020-2024 Child and Family Services Plan required by the US Department of Health & Human Services identified performance concerns as follows: high vacancy and turnover rates impact all areas of case practice, lack of consistent and quality supervision statewide, lack of standardized training for supervisors, and lack of competency-based evaluations for supervisors. Also identified were high caseloads negatively impacting quality efforts and engagement and lack statewide consistency in how new staff are oriented to the agency; and

**WHEREAS,** The 2023 update to Alaska's Fourth Annual Progress and Services Report states that OCS continues to struggle with staffing and vacancy rates in FY 23, contributing to noncompliance with caseload standards.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, subject to available funding, requests that TCC advocate on behalf of all Tribes and Tribal Members to engage in consultation between the State of Alaska and Tribes to address OCS performance improvement plans and compliance with quality assurance standards; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, subject to available funding, direct staff to work with the Office of Children's Services on strengthening the use of the Dena' Nena' Henash Intertribal Court System as it relates to Child in Need of Protection cases and pre-petition cases.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 12<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Submitted by:** Loudon Tribal Council

## RESOLUTION TO AMEND AND RENAME RESOLUTION 2018-29 TO APPLY TO ALL WATERS IN ALASKA

**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's Board of Directors passed Resolution 2018-29 that requests the State of Alaska and U.S. Government to proactively monitor, report, and seek protection of trans-boundary streams and rivers that have a potential to be impacted by current and future mining development in the Yukon Territory; and

**WHEREAS,** All waterways in the Yukon River have tremendous and unique ecological cultural, recreational and traditional hunting and fishing value to indigenous peoples, and not just transboundary waters; and these waterways are facing impacts from both Canadian and U.S. mining projects; and

**WHEREAS,** With the proposed development of mining projects in the Yukon watershed area it is of the utmost importance that TCC reaffirms its commitment to protect all traditional watersheds and take necessary proactive steps to assure protection in their entirety.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Resolution 2018-29 be reaffirmed and renamed to be identified as 2018-29 Protect Interior Alaska Watersheds. The Resolution will further be amended to read as follows:

TCC Full Board of Directors requests the State of Alaska and United States Government to proactively monitor, report and seek protection for all waterways in TCC's region that have a potential to be impacted by current and future mining development in the Yukon Territory and in Alaska.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
***Secretary/Treasurer***

**Submitted by:** Emerging Leaders Youth Advisory Council

## RESOLUTION TO AMEND BYLAWS REMOVING ALASKA RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR BOARD MEMBERS

**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 is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of an elected Director from each member village or group and Lake Minchumina is a member of TCC; and

**WHEREAS,** Article 4, Sections 1 and 2 of the Bylaws, state that Directors must be residents of the State of Alaska and Alaska Native members of member villages of the corporation; and

**WHEREAS,** Lake Minchumina's elected delegate to the Board of Directors is not a resident of Alaska, preventing them from serving as a Director at TCC's Annual Meeting.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors direct staff to provide proper notice pursuant to Article 14 of the Bylaws prior to the Annual Meeting in 2026 that state that Lake Minchumina proposes an amendment to remove the Alaska residency requirement from service on the Board of Directors; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that upon proper notice, the Full Board of Directors will officially vote on the proposed amendment as follows:

### Article 4

Section 1. GENERAL POWERS. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. Directors must be ~~residents of the State of Alaska, and~~ Alaska Native members of member villages of the corporation.

Section 2. NUMBER, TENURE, AND QUALIFICATIONS. The number of Directors shall be equal to the number of member villages plus three officers, the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary/Treasurer. Each member village shall be entitled to elect one Director. Directors must be ~~residents of the State of Alaska and~~ Alaska Native members of member villages of the corporation.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
***Secretary/Treasurer***

**Submitted by:** Lake Minchumina Traditional Council



## **RESOLUTION TO DEMAND TO STOP ALL BOTTOM TRAWLING UNTIL THE YUKON SUBSISTENCE FISHERMEN, AND FISHERWOMEN, ARE ALLOWED TO FISH FOR CHINOOK SALMON**

- 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 Indigenous People have inhabited this great land from time immemorial, dating back tens of thousands of years; and
- WHEREAS,** The Indigenous People lived off the lands and waters, taking wild game, fish, and waterfowl, as healthy foods, in order to gain their sustenance; and
- WHEREAS,** Chinook salmon have been cut off for the Indigenous People, who have depended on it for healthy energy-giving food, from time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS,** In times of low salmon runs, the Indigenous People have always voluntarily stopped fishing while at the commercial profit-driven fisheries have always remained open; and
- WHEREAS,** Indigenous fish camps have been required to shut down due to no fishing, and for decades the Indigenous People have watched for-profit commercial fishing industries throw Chinook salmon overboard as bycatch, and people watch the for-profit commercial fisheries continue to fish, throwing dead chinook salmon overboard; and
- WHEREAS,** There are many variables in the ocean: the ocean currents are slowing, and some expect them to stop completely; the ocean temperatures have been warmer, and there have even been algal blooms in the North Bering Sea; and
- WHEREAS,** The fishermen and fisherwomen on the Yukon River have agreed to honor the 7-year moratorium for fishing for chinook salmon; and
- WHEREAS,** Bottom trawling is an industrial fishing method dragging heavy nets, chains, and metal gear, scouring across the sea floor to capture fish; and

**WHEREAS,** Bottom trawling is no different than bulldozing the seafloor with massive nets, kept grounded with massive chains, trapping fish, crabs, and delicate coral reefs, doing irreversible damage to the sea floor; and

**WHEREAS,** Bottom trawling alters the sediment layers, affecting nutrient cycles and reshapes many species' habitats; and

**WHEREAS,** Fragile ecosystems and crucial sanctuaries are bearing the brunt of bottom trawling, with the heavy nets destroying the root systems and animal burrows, leaving crabs, worms, and other organisms homeless without shelter, including other organisms who depend on the same ecosystem to survive; and

**WHEREAS,** Same food fish, Indigenous People are prevented from fishing for, a practice that goes directly against the cultural beliefs and practices of the Indigenous People.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors direct staff to contact the Alaska Congressional Delegation, and other state and federal Indigenous entities, to demand the for-profit commercial Bottom Trawler Fisheries be stopped completely, until the Indigenous People can fish for Chinook salmon on the Yukon River.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Submitted by:** Tanana Tribal Council

## RESOLUTION TO EXPLORE THE NEED AND FEASIBILITY OF GROUP HOMES FOR TRIBAL CHILDREN IN FOSTER 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,** Interior Alaskan Native communities have a high number of tribal children living in foster homes; and when Alaskan Native children are taken into protective custody by the Office of Children Services siblings are often separated from their communities and siblings due to a lack of foster homes in their home communities, and foster homes not having enough room for an entire family; and

**WHEREAS,** Native children are happier and healthier when living within their home communities, and with their siblings, where they can learn the value of culture, family, and community.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors direct TCC staff and leadership to explore the need and feasibility for Tribal Group homes for children in foster care in the TCC region.

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

**Submitted by:** Tok Native Association

## RESOLUTION TO INCREASE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND TRIBAL GOVERNANCE

**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,** Youth participation in cultural activities and tribal governance has decreased with every passing year, despite such participation being critical for the future of native communities, and for the continuity of Alaskan Native languages, culture, and strong tribal governance; and

**WHEREAS,** Youth engagement initiatives such as rural wellness gatherings, youth participation in tribal governance meetings and tribal leadership mentorship programs, as well as planning within TCC staff to incorporate these initiatives into daily operations through TCC's Wellness and Prevention and Tribal Government and Client Services programs, are needed to increase youth engagement in cultural activities and tribal governance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, subject to available funding, direct staff to incorporate initiatives aimed at increasing youth engagement in cultural activities and tribal governance structures into TCC's Wellness and Prevention and Tribal Government and Client Services programs, and also direct staff to research funding opportunities that will allow TCC to host rural wellness gatherings focused on teaching youth cultural and traditional activities.

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Submitted by:** Emerging Leaders Youth Advisory Council

## **RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE HILCORP DEVELOPMENT**

**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 passed resolution 2020-05 entitled Protecting the Sovereign Rights of Tribes to Self-Determination: Opposing Development in the Yukon Flats, but this resolution did not direct TCC on how to oppose the development in the Yukon Flats specifically; and

**WHEREAS,** It is critical to tribal sovereign rights that TCC develops a specific advocacy plan to oppose development in the Yukon Flats that includes publicly commenting on its opposition to the development, making TCC aware of upcoming permitting decisions, and that TCC has engagement and communication with Doyon Limited and tribes so that all tribes are aware of proposed development actions that will impact their lands.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs TCC staff to develop a specific plan to publicly advocate against development in the Yukon Flats, and a communication plan with Doyon Limited to ensure both TCC and tribes are notified of any proposed action for development in the Yukon Flats.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Submitted by:** Emerging Leaders Youth Advisory Council

## RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE KENNETH NEWMAN SR.

**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,** Bringing tribal members home to rest after their death to their home village is of the utmost importance to native culture, healing, communities, and families; and

**WHEREAS,** Kenneth Newman Sr., a tribal member of Rampart, has worked as a bush pilot in Interior Alaska for rural airlines throughout his career; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Newman has assisted rural communities by bringing their loved homes to rest in their home villages after death; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Newman has taken extra steps to ensure tribal members are flown over the traditional and cultural places of their childhood and native community before being laid to rest.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors recognizes and thanks Kenneth Newman Sr. for his years of service to rural Alaska and for bringing tribal members home to rest after death in their native village, with their family and communities.

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Submitted by:** Koyukuk Tribal Council

## RESOLUTION TO RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO BUILD NEW SANITATION FACILITIES IN VILLAGES

- 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,** Many tribal members across TCC's rural communities do not have regular access to basic sanitation needs such as running water, indoor plumbing, and laundry facilities; and
- WHEREAS,** Not all villages have sanitation facilities that include a washeteria or laundry services due to water supply issues and/or economic barriers; and
- WHEREAS,** Individual tribes do not have the resources to construct these facilities on their own; and
- WHEREAS,** The lack of such facilities increases the prevalence of disease and other public health problems that impact the health and culture of entire native communities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs TCC staff to research funding sources and income streams to fund construction of washeterias that include bathrooms, showers, and laundry services in TCC villages that do not currently have such facilities available to the public.

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Submitted by:** Koyukuk Tribal Council



## RESOLUTION TO REVERT THE NAME OF MT. FORAKER BACK TO DENALI B'OT

- 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 Indigenous people inhabited these great lands from time immemorial, taking our foods and shelter from the lands and waters; and
- WHEREAS,** The Indigenous People were already inhabiting these great lands when European colonists arrived; and
- WHEREAS,** The European Christian Colonists arrived and began taking the minerals and lands, using the rationale of the Doctrine of Discovery; and
- WHEREAS,** The European Christian Colonists rationale for taking and coercing minerals and traditional lands from the First People, is the Christians divine right to seize all holdings of non-Christians, as according to the Doctrine of Discovery; and
- WHEREAS,** When the newcomers came to our lands, they began renaming our landmarks and places of interest with their names, often using deliberately derogatory language; and
- WHEREAS,** The Indigenous People of the Interior of Alaska already used their indigenous name for Denali's wife, Denali B'ot, and the newcomers disregarded the Indigenous name and instead used the name of a man who helped annex the Philippines for colonial conquest and helped with the theft of the Hawaiian Islands and Puerto Rico; and
- WHEREAS,** The policies of the Doctrine of Discovery, is the root reason behind the Indigenous Peoples of America suffering decades and decades of violence, substance abuse, and premature death.



**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, subject to available funding, direct staff to coordinate with other state and federal Indigenous entities such as the Congressional Delegation, National Indian Health Board, National Indian Education Association, National Congress of American Indians, and ANSCA Corporations, to advocate for the removal of Mt. Foraker from the Tall One's Wife and revert the name back to Denali B'ot or to the name preferred by our ancestors; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors direct staff to work with the Department of Interior committee on geographic place names to remove the name of Mt. Foraker and restore the Koyukon name of Denali B'ot.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
***Secretary/Treasurer***

**Submitted by:** Tanana Tribal Council

### **Reference:**

2000-26 Resolution to Restore the Mountain Name to Denali and Restore Denali's Wife  
Also

## RESOLUTION TO SIGN ONTO THE DECLARATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS SALMON PEOPLES

**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 region has been experiencing a salmon crisis for years that is impacting food security, subsistence, and cultural connections, that both the State and Federal governments have failed to remedy; and

**WHEREAS,** Indigenous communities around the world are also experiencing the salmon crisis, and signing onto this resolution declaring indigenous cultures to be the caretakers of the salmon will show that TCC stands in alliance and in unity with other native communities around the world to address the salmon crisis.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors supports being a signatory to the Declaration of the International Indigenous Salmon Peoples.

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

## Declaration of the International Indigenous Salmon Peoples Gathering Kárášjohka, Sápmi

### Introduction

The Indigenous Salmon Peoples Declaration provides guidance for decision-making processes to empower Indigenous Peoples and their communities as we address the dire state of Salmon in the Northern Hemisphere. The Declaration is intended to be used by Indigenous Peoples, communities, Nations, and Tribes to inform policy and legislation that can be adjusted and adapted to local contexts, experiences, and priorities. The Declaration can be endorsed by individuals, Indigenous Peoples' governments, leadership, and organizations.

The Declaration is an overarching outcome of the International Indigenous Salmon Peoples Gathering in Kárášjohka (Sápmi) in the fall of 2024. The Gathering facilitated comments, feedback, and input from participants into the Declaration, endorsed by individuals at the Gathering. This Declaration provides a framework for, but not limited to negotiations, communications, relationship-building, advocacy, policy, stewardship protocols, research, and community engagements. Some terms in this document are intentionally capitalized in order to honour and signify our respect for them.

### Connection

*We declare that as Indigenous Salmon Peoples we continue to steward and live interconnectedly with the Salmon and Waters and it is our responsibility to uphold our relationship with the Salmon and their habitat.*

Our Peoples have relied upon, and cared for, Salmon in reciprocity for millennia. Genocidal and assimilationist practices have and continue to fracture the transfer and practice of Indigenous Peoples' Knowledge regarding Salmon. Colonial and imperial powers must take responsibility for the intentional fracture of Indigenous Peoples stewardship practices and Knowledge systems to ensure the Salmon and our ways of life become strong again.

### Ecosystem and Habitat

*We declare that the impacts from climate crisis and climate change-related stressors and industrial and commercial activities must be addressed with meaningful and holistic salmon rebuilding plans backed by significant resourcing and led by Indigenous Salmon Peoples.*

We write this Declaration while experiencing climate crisis being intensified drastically by the ongoing impacts of colonization and imperialism. The effects of the climate crisis have negatively impacted Salmon habitat and make it difficult for their survival leading to Salmon depletion including but not limited to: ocean acidification, warming waters, infectious diseases, catastrophic fires, water level variability, increased predation due to ecosystem imbalance, and erosion. These ongoing impacts are the result of intensive resource extraction practices including but not limited to: oil and gas extraction, logging, mining, militarization, criminalization of Indigenous Peoples, large scale industrialization, and mass over-consumption. More specifically, the Salmon are facing the consequences of industrial agriculture, open-net pen aquaculture, high seas fisheries, contaminants, large-scale and unregulated hatcheries, trawling, overfishing, bycatch and incidental mortality, damming, terrestrial and aquatic transportation and pollution.

## Rights, Responsibilities, and Jurisdiction

*We declare our rightful role as the caretakers of Salmon. We affirm that all other parties must obtain the free, prior, and informed consent of Indigenous Peoples with respect to Salmon and Salmon habitat, and that Indigenous Peoples jurisdiction over our lands and waters must be upheld. Indigenous Peoples' self-determination and sovereignty must be respected, and not be interfered with.*

There are treaties, agreements, laws, and declarations that provide frameworks for Indigenous Peoples that consider our rights, responsibilities, jurisdiction, and authority. Indigenous Salmon Peoples reaffirm and endorse the relevance of the following instruments as they pertain to our relationship, responsibility to and rights related to Salmon:

- The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples particularly Articles 19, 20.1, 24.1, 25, 26.1, and 29.1,
  - International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Article 27
  - Article 8(j) of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Locally to internationally, Indigenous Peoples' knowledge systems and rights pertaining to Salmon and Salmon habitats must be upheld and respected in all arenas of governance and management.

## Stewardship

*We declare that Indigenous Peoples' authority, governance, jurisdiction and knowledge systems be recognized, respected and upheld. We emphasize that Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Peoples' Knowledge must be the foundation for all stewardship of Salmon.*

Colonial and imperial management systems have resulted in significant harm to Salmon, with increased unpredictability of some populations, and complete collapses of others. Contrary to Indigenous Peoples' Protocols and practices, colonial and imperial systems seek to control Salmon for their profitability, leading to Indigenous Peoples bearing the burden of failed management systems and conservation.

## Health and Wellbeing

*We, as Indigenous Salmon Peoples, declare that we are the rightful stewards of the lands, waters, and Salmon for the prosperity of Salmon themselves, our current generation, future Indigenous Salmon Peoples and all those who benefit from the health of Salmon.*

When Salmon are healthy, Indigenous Salmon Peoples are healthy. Salmon are the lifeblood of our communities, Tribes, and Nations. Salmon are integral to our food security and food sovereignty and feature prominently in our spiritual and ceremonial practices. When Salmon do not return, Salmon Peoples practices, foodways and the Indigenous Peoples Knowledge surrounding them leads to losses in all realms of our lives, including our and the world's health and wellbeing.

## RESUBMITTING RESOLUTION 2023-13 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,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (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 traveling long distances 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 due to follow-up care, weather, plane cancellations, or other various reasons with little or no resources, or support; and
- WHEREAS,** Patients have a difficult time contacting Patient Travel after-hours, weekends, and holidays, to extend their stay when required, due to no fault of their own; and
- WHEREAS,** 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 their stay, which 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 the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, subject to available funding, directs staff to ensure that patient lodging and meal needs are met without creating a burden for the patient or family; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to, subject to available funding, ensure that no medical care is delayed or cancelled due to the lack of adequate lodging; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, subject to available funding, direct 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 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Submitted by:** Tanana Tribal Council

## RETAINING THE US BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ANCSA 17 D-1 PUBLIC LAND ORDERS FOR THE CONSERVATION OF WILD FOOD ECONOMY 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,** Member Tribes of TCC reside in their historic use areas where the citizenry of the region continues their reliance of wild food resources to sustain rural villages and the traditional way-of-life of village residents who live off the road system; and
- WHEREAS,** Large swathes of historic and contemporary use areas of TCC member Tribes are on lands currently under the jurisdiction of the US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and managed by the guidance of resource management plans that determine allowable uses of public lands, including wild food harvesting practiced by federally-qualified subsistence users over 40 million acres of BLM managed land and resources; and
- WHEREAS,** Several Tribes across a broad region of rural Alaska participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of regional planning documents with the BLM linked to the more recent federal environmental review for ANCSA D-1 lands and commented extensively about the need for conservation measures to address the sustainable yield principles in US public lands management policies and regulations; and
- WHEREAS,** Multiple Alaska Native organizations and citizens commented on the need for conserving intact habitat for wild food resources on ANCSA D-1 lands throughout the environmental review process and advocated for the alternative that is most sympathetic to the interests of federally-qualified subsistence users to halt the contemporary trend in depletion of wild food resources while supporting conservation policies to restore Pacific salmon populations in the freshwater spawning and rearing streams across Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** Through extensive land and resource management analysis and intensive Tribal participation, the BLM finalized their environmental review by recommending the “no action” alternative on revoking ANCSA 17 D-1 Public Land Orders and the Secretary of the Interior issued a record of decision to retain the ANCSA D-1 land protections



in the public interest;<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS,** On January 20, 2025, a Presidential executive order was issued calling for Secretary of the Interior Burgum to reinstate public land orders 7899, 7900, 7901, 7902, and 7903; and

**WHEREAS,** Reinstatement of these orders affecting 28 million acres of ANCSA D-1 lands would effectively remove conservation measures that were supported by approximately 90% of public and tribal comment during the ANCSA D-1 lands federal environmental review.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors and the member tribes of the TCC region urge newly appointed Secretary of the Interior Burgum, to acknowledge the extensive interdisciplinary analysis in the ANCSA D-1 environmental impact review that concluded retaining the ANCSA D-1 Public Land Orders referenced in the final Environmental Impact Study and Record of Decision, published in the federal register dated August 23, 2024 is in the public interest for conserving wild food resources that support subsistence economies and general food security among Alaska Native peoples; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference affirms their endorsement of the ANCSA 17 D-1 Public Land Orders as presented in the Secretary of the Interior's order # 7947 dated August 29, 2024 that officially retains the D-1 protections and supports the Secretary's finding that retention of the orders is in the *public interest* to wisely manage intact habitat that supports wild food resources on public lands consistent with the principle of sustained-yield that is critical for sustaining rural hunting and fishing dependent Alaska Native villages across Alaska.

## **CERTIFICATION**

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Submitted by:** Lower Yukon Subregion

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<sup>1</sup> 43 U.S.C. § 1616(d)(1).



## SUPPORT FOR CONVEYANCE OF DUCK HOUSE / GEESE HOUSE SITE TO DOYON, LIMITED

- 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,** Doyon, Limited, one of the twelve landowning Alaska Native Regional Corporations established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) as part of the resolution of Alaska Natives' aboriginal land claims, has sought to receive a culturally significant property in Interior Alaska known as the Duck House Site; and
- WHEREAS,** The Duck House Site is not an actual structure, but a geological feature that has long been used by Athabascan people. It is one of only a very few physically defined cultural features Doyon selected under ANCSA; and
- WHEREAS,** The site is also known by other names including "Rock House" and "Geese House"; and
- WHEREAS,** This historic site is located in the general vicinity of Lake Minchumina, which is in the Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area in Interior Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** Doyon, Limited first filed selection for the Duck House site on September 18, 1978, and these lands were selected through ANCSA 14(h)(8); and
- WHEREAS,** Doyon worked on conveyance of the site administratively for the lands, which would count against Doyon's ANCSA conveyance entitlement through the 1980's and 2000's. And most recently Doyon raised the possibility of finalizing Geese House conveyance with Secretary Haaland through an administrative process; and
- WHEREAS,** Barriers to administrative conveyance exist, including the requirement to waive federal regulations by the Secretary of Interior, that ANCSA 17(d)(1) withdrawals are in place, and the lands are withdrawn by ANILCA and the lands are managed by the National Park Service via the Denali National Park & Preserve; and
- WHEREAS,** Many lands surrounding The Geese House Site have already been conveyed to Doyon under ANCSA, and Doyon selected The Geese House Site for final conveyance to Doyon, but the Geese House Site has yet to be transferred to Doyon.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors shall support the conveyance of these lands to Doyon in partial fulfillment of its entitlement under ANCSA, legislation through the United States Congress, the Geese House Site Conveyance Act, would provide for the return of this culturally important site to preserve and protect for the Native people of the Doyon region; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that Nenana Native Association supports the conveyance of the selected lands to Doyon, Limited.

### **CERTIFICATION**

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
***Secretary/Treasurer***

**Submitted by:** Nenana Native Association

## **TCC INITIATE A VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER ARMING PILOT PROJECT**

**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 is committed to enhancing public safety and supporting Village Public Safety Officers (VPSOs) in their critical role of protecting rural Alaskan communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Arming VPSOs may improve officer safety and enhance recruitment and retention efforts; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of Alaska has allowed VPSOs to be armed since November 2018, subject to specific requirements, and to arm a VPSO requires the VPSO contractor, community and the individual VPSO to agree to arm; and

**WHEREAS,** TCC has researched risks and liability, insurance, policy and procedures, and training requirements, which have been presented to the Executive Board, Full Board of Directors, and Tribes; and

**WHEREAS,** TCC recognizes the need to carefully implement and evaluate the arming of VPSOs to maximize the safety of the officers and communities, focusing on effective policies and procedures, adequate insurance, and sufficient and quality training of officers.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors approves the initiation of a VPSO arming pilot project with the following provisions:

1. TCC will develop comprehensive policies, procedures, and training for the pilot program; and
2. Participating communities must approve armed VPSOs in their communities through a tribal resolution; and

3. TCC will respect Tribes and communities that do not want armed VPSOs; and
4. TCC will work to maintain appropriate insurance coverage; and
5. The pilot program will be reviewed and evaluated by TCC, and can be terminated or expanded based on its performance and impact on public safety in the TCC region; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be the policy of TCC until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

### **CERTIFICATION**

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
***Secretary/Treasurer***

**Submitted by:** TCC Executive Board

## RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER THE FEASIBILITY OF A TRADITIONAL YOUTH PROGRAM - HEALING THROUGH CULTURE AND WELLNESS

**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 Native youth are disproportionately impacted by substance abuse, trauma, and addiction issues, and in turn, the juvenile criminal justice system, which leads to the removal of youth from their families and Native communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Healing trauma and other issues through culture and wellness is the best medicine to proactively prevent substance abuse issues and involvement in the criminal justice system; and

**WHEREAS,** Culture, traditional subsistence activities, elder connection, and nature are all healing for youth impacted by substance abuse and trauma, yet these tools are not consistently used to help lift and hold up Alaskan Native youth who need to heal; and

**WHEREAS,** Interior Alaska communities lack resources and places for youth to heal; and

**WHEREAS,** Youth are the future of all Tribes and dedicating resources to ensure they develop into healthy and whole adults is critical for the future of the youth, Alaskan Native culture, and Tribes.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors direct staff to explore the feasibility of creating a prevention program similar to Crossings (SEARHC) with a culture camp setting, designed specifically for youth that focuses on prevention and wellness, recovery through native culture, traditional activities, nature, and uses the guidance of elders, as tools for recovery and health.

## **CERTIFICATION**

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
***Secretary/Treasurer***

**Submitted by:** Tok Native Association

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## WELLNESS & HEALING CENTER

**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,** Villages in the TCC region are in need of a sacred space for wellness and healing events. Many villages do not have a designated space to practice wellness and healing for the community within our current facilities; and

**WHEREAS,** Our Native people are suffering from trauma, grief, hopelessness, and sadness. Our goal is to address hopelessness within our communities suffering from mental health illnesses. We want to teach our youth and adults how to be kind to one another; and

**WHEREAS,** Having a space for wellness events would be beneficial to our communities. It will be a place of healing; a safe space to be heard and loved; a space that creates a sense of belonging, to visit and gather; and

**WHEREAS,** A Wellness and Healing Center will be for community engagement, discussions on healing, which will involve time to eat together, laugh together, and teachings of self-love. It will be a space for learning our culture, native language, and encouraging sobriety.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs staff to research funding sources that would provide a house kit, to include freight, and labor cost for each village in the TCC Region for the purposes of a Wellness and Healing Center; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors recognize that Tribes are seeking healing of our Native people. With the current struggles we are facing, Tribes need a place to heal, to come together to strengthen our ties to the land, waterways, and our culture.

## **CERTIFICATION**

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**Robert Wright, Sr.**  
***Secretary/Treasurer***

**Submitted by:** Arctic Village Council & Manley Village Council