



Tanana  
Chiefs  
Conference

# 2026 FULL BOARD OF RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED



# 2026 Proposed Resolutions

## Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors



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## ESTABLISHING A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS TO OFFER ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**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 currently provides a wide array of high-quality professional development and training opportunities to Tribal staff and beneficiaries that contain rigorous educational content; and

**WHEREAS,** Many Tribal beneficiaries and Tribal employees are actively pursuing educational goals and have successfully graduated with Occupational Endorsements, Certificates, and Degrees when supported by aligned programming; and

**WHEREAS,** A significant number of existing TCC trainings cover subject matter relevant to academic disciplines, yet participants do not currently receive academic credit that counts toward degree programs for these efforts; and

**WHEREAS,** Partnering with the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) to accredit these trainings would accelerate student progress in critical fields such as Tribal Governance, Rural Human Services, Human Services, Applied Business, Applied Arts, Alaska Native Language, Rural Development, Alaska Native Studies, Early Childhood Family Studies, and Environmental Studies; and

**WHEREAS,** Ensuring that TCC trainings count toward recognized academic credentials will build capacity, strengthen the regional workforce, and support the educational advancement of Tribal members and employees.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors hereby directs TCC staff to develop a formal partnership with the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) to offer academic credit for applicable TCC training opportunities, ensuring these trainings apply toward Occupational Endorsements, Certificates, and Degrees in fields including, but not limited to, Tribal Governance, Rural Human Services, Human Services, Applied Business, Applied Arts, Alaska Native Language, Rural Development, Alaska Native Studies, Early Childhood Family Studies, and Environmental Studies.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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

**Submitted by:** Beaver Village

PROPOSED

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOL CHOICE

- 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,** Tribal governments have a solemn responsibility for the welfare of their citizens, which includes their children and students; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribes, Native communities, and parents have the inherent right to determine an educational system that will best meet the needs of their children; and
- WHEREAS,** Providing high-quality education is the most critical investment Tribal Nations can make for our future; and
- WHEREAS,** Schools in rural villages face an ongoing shortage of funding and qualified, culturally knowledgeable teachers due to a rural location, lack of housing and high costs of living; and
- WHEREAS,** Despite these barriers, tribal governments and Native communities are creating innovative educational programs that fulfill the unique needs of Alaska Native students; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribal nations, states, and localities have begun to implement policies that strengthen tribal sovereignty and self-determination over their education, such as HB 59 state-tribal education compact (STEC) schools and advocating for increased funding for Correspondence Programs and Career-Technical Education (CTE) which would raise funding levels to support modernized learning resources and programs aligned with tribal workforce demands; and
- WHEREAS,** The expansion of rural school districts' traditional public school options provide robust school choices including residential, vocational and technical, and correspondence programs, whose economies of scale allow a variety of course and extracurricular offerings that would otherwise be impossible to provide in smaller settings or remote village schools; and
- WHEREAS,** When families have meaningful options for their students' education, it elevates accountability and schools must earn trust by demonstrating positive results and providing exceptional educational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS,** School choice restores decision-making power to families, allowing parents to choose the education program that best serves their children's needs and interests and aligns with their family and community values.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors shall support tribal choice in the education of Native students in the era of school choice under the current Administration; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors shall promote school choice benefits for tribal families in rural or urban areas with underperforming schools and/or limited resources; school choice creates new opportunities by removing economic and geographic barriers, giving all tribal children access to a quality education that fits their unique skills and talents, regardless of where they live.

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

**Submitted by:** Louden Tribe

## REQUESTING TRIBAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TCC 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,** Effective leadership is vital to the political, social, and economic advancement and well-being of the Tribal Members; and

**WHEREAS,** Traditional kinship values and practices reflect the importance of being a good relative and contributing to successful village function. This type of contribution includes civic participation in Tribal, City, School Board, and Corporation governance in our villages. Today, we're seeing a need and an increased desire for all Tribal members to be more involved with successful and cooperative village civic governance; and

**WHEREAS,** The TCC member Tribes recognize that investing in Tribal Members' professional development ensures a resilient and sustainable future for our community; and

**WHEREAS,** TCC provides valuable leadership and Tribal Government training opportunities in Fairbanks and Anchorage which limits the number of participants from the rural villages; and

**WHEREAS,** Providing trainings in the villages would allow all Tribal Members to learn more about Tribal Government Operations, Council roles and responsibilities and tribal leadership which can only help to strengthen Tribes and inspire upcoming leaders.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors requests that Tanana Chiefs Conference offers Tribal leadership training opportunities for all villages within the TCC Region.

## **CERTIFICATION**

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

**Submitted by:** Louden Tribe

PROPOSED

## REVIEW AND ADDRESS LEAVE AND ACCESS TO CARE INEQUITIES FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDES AND RURAL TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE STAFF

- 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 provides essential healthcare services to rural and remote communities across Interior Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** Community Health Aides and clinic staff in remote villages provide comprehensive local healthcare services, including emergency response and ongoing patient care, often as the sole source of medical care in their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Due to limitations in on-site diagnostic and specialty services, including the absence of advanced imaging and certain laboratory capabilities, Community Health Aides and rural TCC staff in remote villages must travel outside their communities to access necessary medical care for themselves or their dependents, and they have limited appointment windows because specialists are only available intermittently; and
- WHEREAS,** Accessing off-site medical care from remote communities frequently requires multiple days of travel due to distance, flight schedules, and weather conditions, resulting in the use of several days of personal or sick leave for a single medical appointment; and
- WHEREAS,** Staff based in Fairbanks may access similar medical services with minimal work disruption, often requiring only brief absences from work; and
- WHEREAS,** In addition to routine clinic responsibilities, Community Health Aides and rural clinic staff regularly respond to after-hours emergencies, medevacs, and extended duty periods, which may further limit opportunities for rest and recovery; and
- WHEREAS,** Following extended overnight emergency response, on-call duty, or medevac coordination, Community Health Aides and rural clinic staff may require daytime rest and sleep to safely resume clinical duties, yet may be required to use personal or annual leave to obtain necessary recovery time; and

**WHEREAS,** The cumulative impact of extended duty hours, limited relief coverage, and disproportionate leave usage for medically necessary care may contribute to staff fatigue, burnout, and challenges in recruitment and retention in rural clinics and offices; and

**WHEREAS,** Supporting the health, wellness, and sustainability of Community Health Aides and rural staff is essential to maintaining safe, effective, and continuous healthcare services in remote communities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs TCC review existing leave, travel, and staffing policies as they relate to Community Health Aides and rural staff serving in remote communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that TCC will consider policy options that recognize the disproportionate burden placed on rural staff who must use multiple days of personal or annual leave to access medically necessary care for themselves or their dependents due to geographic isolation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the TCC will evaluate potential policy revisions that promote staff wellness, equity, retention, and patient safety across all service areas; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that any policy changes be reported to the TCC Board of Directors.

### **CERTIFICATION**

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

**Submitted by:** Huslia Tribal Council

## **ESTABLISHING A CONTRACTING EVALUATION PREFERENCE POLICY SUPPORTING TRIBAL MEMBER- OWNED CONTRACTORS AND IN-REGION ANCSA VILLAGE CORPORATIONS**

**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 includes federally recognized tribes and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) Village Corporations that share aligned interests in advancing economic development, self-determination, and community prosperity within their respective villages; and

**WHEREAS,** ANCSA Village Corporations are Alaska Native-owned entities established to promote economic opportunity, create employment, and reinvest resources into the long-term wellbeing of their communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Qualified contractors who are owned by enrolled members of federally recognized tribes located within the TCC Region provide valuable local knowledge, workforce stability, local community support and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS,** TCC desires to implement an organization-wide contracting evaluation preference policy that supports both tribal member owned contractors and in-region ANCSA Village Corporations in a fair, transparent, and lawful manner.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs TCC to adopt an organization-wide contracting and procurement policy to provide a 10% evaluation preference to qualified tribal member owned contractors and in-region ANCSA Village Corporations; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors intends for TCC to evaluate and score experienced tribal member owned contractors and in-region ANCSA Village Corporations on a higher weighted scale in other evaluation scoring criteria, relative to non in-region contractors.

## **CERTIFICATION**

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

**Submitted by:** Huslia Village

PROPOSED

**EXPAND AND ENHANCE SERVICES TO IMPROVE  
MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH AND TO RESEARCH THE  
FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A TRIBALLY ALIGNED  
BIRTHING FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED MATERNAL  
SUPPORT SERVICES, INCLUDING CULTURALLY  
GROUNDED PRE- AND POST-NATAL 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,** TCC is committed to advancing the health, wellness, and cultural wellbeing of Tribal members and families; and
- WHEREAS,** Between 200 and 250 babies are born annually within the TCC health service region; and
- WHEREAS,** 25.5% of urban-based expectant mothers and 28.5% of rural-based expectant mothers in the TCC service area had a documented mental health condition in 2023, rates significantly above the national average of 20%, thereby placing them at higher risk for postpartum depression; and
- WHEREAS,** Village-based Tribal mothers experience substantial challenges related to long-distance travel required for prenatal care and delivery, including extended pre-delivery waiting periods away from home and community; and
- WHEREAS,** It has been acknowledged by health administration, expectant mothers, and families that “staying at a hotel for several weeks is nice, but not ideal,” as hotels do not provide adequate cultural, emotional, or logistical support for expectant parents; and
- WHEREAS,** Many families also require up to two weeks of support after birth, and current accommodations do not adequately meet the needs for recovery, bonding, or culturally appropriate postpartum care; and
- WHEREAS,** the tribal community has expressed a need for dedicated space that includes: (1) comfortable and safe lodging for mothers and families during the pre-delivery waiting period; (2) postpartum recovery accommodations; (3) teaching spaces for childbirth preparation, parenting, lactation support, and post-partum education; and (4)

facilities that support culturally significant birth practices and traditions;  
and

**WHEREAS,** there is national and statewide support for improving maternal and infant health in rural and Tribal communities, including opportunities through (1) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) maternal health programs; and (2) the Rural Health Transformation Grant and related state initiatives aimed at improving maternal health outcomes; and

**WHEREAS,** Establishing a birthing facility or maternal support center requires detailed research, feasibility assessment, and planning in order to identify suitable facilities, operational models, staffing requirements, and viable funding streams.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that TCC, in coordination with other community stakeholders, to engage in a structured research and planning initiative to assess the feasibility of establishing a Tribal birthing facility and maternal support center; that this initiative shall include (1) space and facility needs assessment; (2) the type and scale of facility needed; (3) staffing and service Line Evaluation; (4) operational cost forecasting; and (5) funding strategy and capital planning; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that TCC seeks funding opportunities through the Rural Health Transformation funding to enhance and strengthen existing pre-and post-natal services by implementing classes for expectant parents for childbirth preparation, parenting, lactation support and healthy lifestyle throughout pregnancy, and by expanding these services into village communities; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that Executive Leadership shall report progress on the implementation of expanded services and report on the feasibility planning initiative for a Tribal birthing facility and maternal support center.

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

**Submitted by:** Emerging Leaders

## DEVELOPMENT OF A TCC CONVENTION & TRIBAL MEETING APP

**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 member Tribes are exploring digital solutions that provide streamlined access to meeting agendas, materials, and live updates in an effort to reduce paper consumption and improve organizational efficiency; and

**WHEREAS,** Tribes would benefit from the development of a unified mobile app platform used both by TCC and individual tribes, allowing tribal staff and members to learn and utilize a single system rather than multiple, inconsistent platforms; and

**WHEREAS,** A unified app would allow TCC to post agendas, resolutions, meeting materials, and real-time notifications related to the annual convention; and

**WHEREAS,** Such an app would be configured with tribal-only access areas, ensuring sensitive information is available only to authorized tribal members.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** such an app would be configured with tribal-only access areas, ensuring sensitive information is available only to authorized tribal members; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that TCC will ensure the app platform includes functionality allowing individual tribes to use the same system for their own tribal meetings, with customizable privacy settings limiting access to tribal members as required; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that TCC will assess cost, feasibility, and implementation timelines and share these findings with Tribes.

### CERTIFICATION

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

**Submitted by:** Koyukuk Native Village

PROPOSED

## HONORING THE SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF KENNETH B. CHARLIE, FORMER HEALTH BOARD CHAIR AND CHAMPION FOR TRIBAL HEALTH 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 is committed to advancing the health, wellness, and cultural wellbeing of Tribal members and families; and
- WHEREAS,** Ken Charlie dedicated his life to advancing the health and well-being of Alaska Native people through decades of leadership, advocacy, and service; and
- WHEREAS,** Ken Charlie served with distinction as Chair of the TCC Regional Health Board from the mid-1970's to the late 1980's, where his steady leadership, his commitment to his people and his ability to help create a unified vision for healthcare among the Tribes, strengthened the delivery of health services across Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** During his tenure as Health Board Chair, Ken Charlie also served as Chair of the Alaska Native Health Board (ANHB) and Chair of the National Indian Health Board (NIHB), representing Alaska Native interests at the statewide and national level through a unified voice, ensuring that tribal voices were heard in federal policy discussions affecting Indian health; and
- WHEREAS,** Throughout his career, Ken Charlie was recognized as a strong and unwavering advocate for tribal health, tirelessly working to secure resources, improve access to care, and protecting the sovereign rights of tribes to direct their own health systems; and
- WHEREAS,** His leadership helped lay the foundation for many of the tribal health system strengths that Alaska Native communities continue to benefit from today; and
- WHEREAS,** Ken Charlie led with integrity, compassion, and deep respect for culture and community, inspiring generations of leaders who continue his work in tribal health.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors recognizes his enduring legacy in advancing tribal health in Alaska and gratitude to his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched through his leadership and advocacy.

**CERTIFICATION**

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

**Submitted by:** TCC Health Board

PROPOSED

## OPPOSE THE ROOSEVELT MINING EXPLORATION PROJECT AND WISEMAN MINING EXPLORATION 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 the regional tribal non-profit organization for the interior region, and represents 37 federally recognized tribes and five Alaska Native associations, and as such, serves more than 13,000 Alaska Natives across 235,000 square miles; and
- WHEREAS,** The duty of TCC, a tribally-driven entity, is to provide human and social services to tribal members, including primary health care, federal contract services with and for tribal governments, wild food programs, policy directives and guidance as well as advocacy when called upon, and for the preservation of our indigenous way of life for future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** The TCC Strategic Plan calls for strong leadership, communication and advocacy with its tribes collaborating with federal, and state agencies in reviewing proposals that maybe impacting traditional homeland use areas; and
- WHEREAS,** No relationship is more valuable to Alaska Natives than that with their natural environment and everything contained within, including animals, marine life, forests, plants, water and air – both surface and subsurface; and
- WHEREAS,** The member tribes of TCC have an interest in the preservation of our land, cultures, and peoples. Since time immemorial, our people have subsisted in our region and have depended on healthy land, healthy water, and healthy fish and wildlife resources to support our subsistence way of life; and
- WHEREAS,** As tribes, we have an inherent human right to continue our hunting and fishing practices and traditional way of life. We have been successful stewards of this environment and these natural and cultural resources for thousands of years; and
- WHEREAS,** Our elders have taught us to think beyond the present and measure the effects into the future, to future generations. We have trust and responsibility to the generations that will follow us. Our subsistence resources guarantee our way of life and culture will continue for future

generations; and

**WHEREAS,** Multiple mining companies are staking claims in the Brooks Range and the Ambler mining district without formal and sufficient tribal consultations. Mining for mere financial gain poses new threats to the survival of our natural and cultural resources and our people. Those mining companies are exploring for sulfide minerals, copper, zinc, silver, gold and a wide-variety of minerals which will most likely create acid drainage and other dangerous pollutants that have the potential to contaminate our lands and waters with toxic heavy metals; and

**WHEREAS,** The Roosevelt Mining Exploration Project and Wiseman Mining Exploration pose imminent potential risk to our cultural resources, pristine rivers, salmon and whitefish populations and human health; and

**WHEREAS,** Copper mining exploration is damaging to the environment. The extraction process involves land disturbance, harmful chemical usage, and extensive energy consumption, leading to fish and mammal habitat destruction, water contamination, air pollution, and other ecological consequences. Copper Mining exploration activities can disrupt ecosystems, harm biodiversity and pose serious health risks to local tribes despite promises from well-meaning individuals; and

**WHEREAS,** The Doyon Corporation has entered into lease agreements with South32 Limited for the Roosevelt Mining Exploration Project (formerly known as BHT Billiton) and Wiseman Metals Exploration Project (a subsidiary of Mine Discovery Fund Pty Ltd); and

**WHEREAS,** Doyon Corporation has selected lands for surface and sub-surface rights of approximately 23,000 acres and approximately 30 kilometers in length and South32 Limited is a mining and metals company exploring for copper, zinc, lead, silver, and gold in the Brooks Range of Alaska. The Project Roosevelt is 100% owned by South32 with mineral claims located 20 miles west of Coldfoot and 30 miles north of Bettles and Wiseman Metals is a platform for the exploration and discovery of copper and other base metals in the United States and Alaska; and

**WHEREAS,** Wiseman Metals has secured 100% ownership of 2 district-scale assets in partnership with Doyon, Limited, traditional owners and custodians of the largest private landholding across interior Alaska; without formal consultation with effected tribal governments; and

**WHEREAS,** Two conservation groups sued the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for failing to respond to objections over an air quality permit previously issued to mining company. The Patagonia Area Resource Alliance and the Center for Biological Diversity filed the Jan. 21, 2025

lawsuit, demanding that the EPA revisit and make a decision on the groups' petition to deny the permit for South32's Hermosa Project; and

**WHEREAS,** South32 is being sued in Africa by the Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference in the form of a class action lawsuit against South32, its' subsidiary and South African Energy company Seriti. The lawsuit was initiated by SACBC's Commission for Justice and Peace and involves 17 current and former mine workers who contracted the incurable black lung disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. The lawsuit accuses South32 of failing to provide adequate training, equipment and a safe working environment, which are all necessary to prevent disease; and

**WHEREAS,** South32 formerly known as BHT Billiton; has a devastatingly poor environmental track record which includes:

- The Samarco Dam: Disaster (2015): The Fundão dam in Brazil, co-owned with Vale, collapsed, releasing 60 million cubic meters of tailings that destroyed villages and polluted 600km of waterway. A 2025 UK ruling found BHP liable for the collapse, citing negligence.
- Ok Tedi Mine (1980s-1990s): The Papua New Guinea copper mine released over 2,000 square kilometers of tailings into the Fly River system, damaging the ecosystem and impacting 40,000 indigenous people.
- Cerro Matoso (1980s-Present): The Colombian ferronickel mine has been linked to high rates of cancer, miscarriages, and birth defects in local indigenous communities due to heavy metal contamination.
- PFAS Contamination (2021): Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) were found in groundwater at BHP's Newman iron ore hub in Western Australia, requiring remediation.
- Brazil Damages: The 2015 disaster resulted in massive, ongoing legal action for compensation, with a multibillion-dollar settlement for environmental and social devastation.
- Health Impacts: Studies from the 2015 disaster area indicated increased respiratory issues, skin diseases, and mental health issues in local populations; and

**WHEREAS,** Both the Roosevelt and Wiseman Projects will be reliant on Doyon Corporation's poor judgement and lack of successful experience in the mining industry and these projects will be subject to oversight; which has become increasingly relaxed by the State of Alaska and the federal government in favor of streamlining development; and

**WHEREAS,** The construction of the Ambler Road and development of large-scale mining deposits owned by South32 and Wiseman Metals would likely be the nail in the coffin of our traditional subsistence ways of life; and

**WHEREAS,** The Doyon Corporation has recently demonstrated their preferred loyalty to the State of Alaska, the mining industry and the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) despite widespread tribal opposition to the Ambler Road and extensive evidence of the eventual devastation to the environment, subsistence and cultural resources. The Doyon Corporation, the State of Alaska and federal agencies have ignored years of peer reviewed and scientifically-proven information in the April of 2024, Final Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Ambler Industrial Road completed by the Bureau of Lands Management. Doyon Corporation's recent MOU with the State of Alaska and AIDEA demonstrate a clear path to allow the construction of the proposed Ambler Road across Doyon Corporation lands despite the opposition of the shareholders and tribes.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors opposes current plans to continue exploration of the Roosevelt Mining Exploration and Wiseman Mining Exploration projects; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors supports its member villages, as well as other residents, to advance and uphold the integrity of their lands, communities and environments and ensure that their livelihood and homelands are honored and not impacted or undermined by the current and future mining exploration efforts undertaken by South32 Limited and Wiseman Metals in collaboration with Doyon Corporation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors calls upon South32 and Wiseman Metals and their project partners and financiers to cease ongoing exploration that can negatively impact our sacred salmon, caribou and white fish habitats, within or adjacent to the TCC region, that may impact the socio-ecological social economy and/or health and wellbeing of its 13,000 tribal residents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors calls upon the President and staff of TCC to pursue a strategic plan to prevent further exploration and potential development, to ensure the mission of TCC endures, including the protection of its land for the use and occupancy for future generations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors reaffirms its commitment to protect all the watersheds of our indigenous territories which includes, the Koyukuk River, the Tanana River, the Wild River, Michigan Creek, Mettenpherg Creek, the Alatna River, the John River

and the Henshaw River which flow into the Yukon River Watershed and the Bering Sea; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors opposes any future infrastructure, easements, leases, and exploration associated with the Roosevelt Mining Exploration Project and Wiseman Mining Exploration Project.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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

**Submitted by:** Evansville Village & Native Village of Tanana

## UPHOLDING TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY IN INTERACTIONS WITH U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE)

**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 legal status, inherent sovereignty, and governmental authority of federally recognized Tribes are established under the United States Constitution, federal law, treaties, and applicable court decisions; and

**WHEREAS,** Recent interactions between U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and certain Tribes and tribal members have raised concerns regarding compliance with federal law, intergovernmental protocols, and the federal trust responsibility owed to tribal governments; and

**WHEREAS,** Reports alleging the detention of tribal citizens by ICE for purposes of compelling intergovernmental agreements raise serious legal and constitutional concerns and warrant formal review; and

**WHEREAS,** ICE enforcement actions have, within the past year, resulted in the deaths of individuals later identified as United States citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** Tribal members and individuals with lawful immigration status, or who are lawfully present and engaged in pending legal processes, should not be subject to enforcement actions absent proper legal authority and due process; and

**WHEREAS,** ICE enforcement activities may affect not only TCC member tribes, but also Alaska Native and American Indian individuals served by TCC member organizations, including Fairbanks Native Association.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors calls upon the federal government and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to recognize and respect the inherent sovereignty, jurisdiction, and governmental status of tribal nations in all enforcement activities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors urges the federal government to review ICE policies, training, and enforcement

practices to ensure compliance with constitutional requirements, federal law, and the federal trust responsibility; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESLOVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors calls upon its sister organizations—Fairbanks Native Association, Denakkanaaga, Interior Regional Housing Authority (IRHA), and Doyon, Limited—to coordinate and develop written interorganizational guidelines for a unified and legally sound response to ICE activities affecting tribal members, Alaska Natives, and American Indians within Interior Alaska; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors directs staff to review tribal enrollment card standards and, upon request, provide technical assistance to member Tribes regarding potential enhancements to enrollment card issuance to support broader recognition of tribal citizenship by governmental and other entities.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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

**Submitted by:** Fairbanks Native Association

## WELLNESS PLAN & ACTIVITIES

**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 Natives are disproportionately impacted by generational trauma, substance abuse, and obesity which directly impacts the health and wellbeing of each of our communities' members; and

**WHEREAS,** In our remote and rural communities, we lack the resources and staff expertise to host these needed activities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors direct staff to establish a region-wide Wellness plan to reflect cultural, traditional subsistence activities, wellness activities to aide in healing substance abuse and trauma; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors request TCC staff to work in coordination with each TCC Member tribes employees and staff to coordinate and fulfil these activities.

### CERTIFICATION

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

**Submitted by:** Native Village of Tanana

## SUPPORT REGIONAL, CAPACITY-BUILDING SUPPORT FOR TRIBAL COURTS ACROSS THE TCC REGION

**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,** Tribal courts are a foundational expression of Tribal sovereignty and play a critical role in the administration of justice, the protection of children and Elders, and the enforcement of Tribal law; and

**WHEREAS,** Many Tribes within the TCC region operate Tribal courts where sustaining continuity, training, and peer support is increasingly important due to the scope and complexity of court responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS,** Tribal court clerks and judges carry substantial responsibility for court operations and due process, often with limited access to sustained training, peer support, and technical assistance necessary for continuity and retention; and

**WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference provides regional technical assistance, coordination, and advocacy in support of Tribal governance and self-determination.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors supports strengthening regional, capacity-building efforts to assist Tribal courts across the TCC region, while fully respecting each Tribe's independent judicial authority; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that TCC is encouraged to enhance and sustain technical assistance, training, and peer-support opportunities for Tribal court clerks and judges, dependent on the availability of funding; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that TCC is encouraged to pursue funding opportunities and partnerships to support Tribal court capacity in a manner guided by Tribal priorities, Tribal law, and self-determination.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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

**Submitted by:** Northway Village

PROPOSED

## EXPAND ACTION-ORIENTED SUPPORT FOR ADDRESSING BED BUG INFESTATIONS IN INTERIOR ALASKA 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,** TCC provides environmental health education, technical assistance, and training to Tribal communities throughout the Interior region; and

**WHEREAS,** Bed bug infestations are an increasing concern in many Interior Alaska villages, disproportionately impacting Elders and other vulnerable households and affecting health, housing stability, and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS,** Many villages face capacity limitations related to remoteness, lack of access to licensed pest control services, affordable mitigation supplies, and staffing resources needed for timely response; and

**WHEREAS,** Early identification, coordinated education, and access to appropriate tools are critical to preventing the spread of bed bugs and reducing long-term community impacts.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors supports strengthening regional, capacity-building environmental health efforts related to bed bug prevention and response for Interior Alaska villages, with particular attention to Elders and other vulnerable households; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that Tanana Chiefs Conference is encouraged to seek funding opportunities, partnerships, and programmatic support to strengthen village capacity for addressing bed bug infestations, in a manner that is mindful of existing resource constraints faced by Tribal governments.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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

**Submitted by:** Northway Village

PROPOSED

## **ESTABLISH AND FUND INDIGENOUS HEALING INITIATIVES, TRADITIONAL MEDICINE CLINICS, AND IMMERSIVE CARE TECHNOLOGIES AT CAIHC AND TCC HEALTH SERVICES VILLAGE LOCATIONS**

- 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 integration of Indigenous traditional healing must be central to village care initiatives, ensuring that care is accessible not just at the Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center (CAIHC), but throughout the TCC region; and
- WHEREAS,** There is a critical need to support the formation of Indigenous Healing initiatives that include hands-on methods, plant medicines, and therapeutic talking circles to address the holistic health needs of the region; and
- WHEREAS,** Current healthcare facilities must be expanded or redesigned to include dedicated clinical spaces that can be used by Traditional Healers, Lifestyle Consultants, support staff and apprentices; and
- WHEREAS,** Innovative approaches are required to bridge geographical gaps, including the use of Immersive Technologies (such as virtual reality and augmented reality technologies) to provide pain management, mental health therapy (e.g. posttraumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression), and the preservation and education of traditional ways; and
- WHEREAS,** It is acknowledged that design and implementation of a comprehensive integrated indigenous healing program supportive of the full TCC health services region, is a TCC health services priority and is in the early stage of development; and
- WHEREAS,** The Rural Health Transformation program (RHTP) has funding opportunities to support planning, program design and implementation of expanded indigenous healing practices; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC Health Services is in the process of applying to the State of Alaska for funding through the RHTP to design and implement a more comprehensive integrated indigenous healing program that will be available throughout the TCC health services region.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors supports the formation of a dedicated Integrated Indigenous Healing Program based at CAIHC and in the villages; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this program should include the formation of fully funded clinical spaces staffed by a Traditional Healing Clinic Administrator, Traditional Healing Medical Director, Traditional Healers of various disciplines, and Lifestyle Consultants, with a strong mandate to support apprenticeships and training opportunities, dependent on the availability of funding; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a dedicated Advisory Board shall be created to oversee these initiatives, working centrally with village leadership and within the existing TCC board structure as per their preference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this program constitutes a mandate to work closely across TCC departments, specifically bridging Clinical Services, Tribal Services, Wellness and Prevention, and Behavioral Health to ensure a continuum of care; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this initiative shall pursue funding opportunities to invest in and maximize Immersive Technologies (enhanced telehealth opportunities) to enhance patient experiences and overcome geographic barriers, utilizing digital environments for individual treatments, as well as cultural teachings and trainings; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that administration is directed to pursue sustainable funding mechanisms, including continued advocacy at the state legislative level for Section 1115 Medicaid Waivers to cover traditional healing and technology-based therapeutic services, as well as continued advocacy for funding for travel and training funds for all related employees.

## **CERTIFICATION**

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

**Submitted by:** Fairbanks Native Association

PROPOSED

## ACCOUNTABILITY AND REGULAR REPORTING ON TCC BOARD RESOLUTIONS

**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 Bylaws, Section 4 state the member villages may adopt resolutions which do not infringe on the right of the Board of Directors to manage the corporation and may adopt resolutions directed to other corporations, governments, and persons; and

**WHEREAS,** The TCC Bylaws, Section 7 state that resolutions passed by the Board of Directors shall be enacted and carried out by the President or by such other officer or employee of the corporation as may be directed by the resolution; and

**WHEREAS,** The TCC Resolution Rules require that the TCC Resolutions Committee review the content of resolutions while considering the TCC 5-year strategic plans, individual community plans, TCC revenue and budget obligations, TCC service and population trends, and other factors in order to provide comments and suggested edits; and

**WHEREAS,** TCC Resolution Rule outlines the purpose and standards of TCC resolutions, stating resolutions represent the position of the majority of TCC tribes and member entities and serve as an important tool for advocating on behalf of Interior Alaska Native communities and tribal members, and such resolutions are expected to be forward looking, proactive, solution oriented, concise when possible, regionwide in scope unless the issue has broader advocacy implications, and distinguished from tribal or Subregional resolutions—which are required for grant or funding assistance requests and for which TCC staff must ensure follow-up; and

**WHEREAS,** The member tribes of TCC require consistent, transparent updates on the status of resolutions passed by the Full Board to ensure accountability, follow-through, and alignment with tribal priorities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors direct TCC staff to be fully accountable for carrying out resolutions adopted by the TCC Full Board of Directors in alignment with the TCC Bylaws and the TCC Resolution Rules,

ensuring that implementation reflects the intent, authority, and guidance established by the member tribes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that TCC will provide written updates on Full Board of Director resolutions every other month; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that TCC administration shall mail eight (8) printed copies of each passed Full Board resolution to every TCC member tribe.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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

**Submitted by:** Koyukuk Native Village

## COMPREHENSIVE RESOLUTION REVIEW

**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,** As outlined in the bylaws, Member Tribes submit resolutions to provide guidance and direction to Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) Chief/Chairman and its employees; and

**WHEREAS,** Since the formation, the TCC full board of directors have passed resolutions that are in alignment with the services provided by TCC that outline concerns and priorities from healthcare services to tribal development services, the management of natural resources, public safety, community planning and transportation; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the years, resolutions have been modified to where they lose their intent; and

**WHEREAS,** The completion status and updates are not consistent and there are not updates available for some years on the TCC website.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors request that a comprehensive review is completed for the past 10 years of resolutions that have been approved and passed by the Full Board of Directors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors request each Sponsoring Tribe is contacted to ensure that their resolutions have been updated or completed to their satisfaction; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors report out on the last 10 years of resolutions in writing. For easier access, the resolutions should be updated to include the completion status and updates on the TCC website for at least the last five years.

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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

**Submitted by:** Native Village of Tanana

PROPOSED

## ACCOUNTABILITY, COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND REGULAR REPORTING ON TCC BOARD RESOLUTIONS

- 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 Bylaws, Section 4 state the Member Tribes submit resolutions to provide guidance and direction to Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) Chief/Chairman and its employees; and -member villages may adopt resolutions which do not infringe on the right of the Board of Directors to manage the corporation and may adopt resolutions directed to other corporations, governments, and persons; and
- WHEREAS,** The TCC Bylaws, Section 7 state that resolutions passed by the Board of Directors shall be enacted and carried out by the President or by such other officer or employee of the corporation as may be directed by the resolution; and
- WHEREAS,** The TCC Resolution Rules require that the TCC Resolutions Committee review the content of resolutions while considering the TCC 5-year strategic plans, individual community plans, TCC revenue and budget obligations, TCC service and population trends, and other factors in order to provide comments and suggested edits; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC Resolution Rule outlines the purpose and standards of TCC resolutions, stating resolutions represent the position of the majority of TCC tribes and member entities and serve as an important tool for advocating on behalf of Interior Alaska Native communities and tribal members, and such resolutions are expected to be forward looking, proactive, solution\_oriented, concise when possible, regionwide in scope unless the issue has broader advocacy implications, and distinguished from tribal or Subregional resolutions—which are required for grant or funding assistance requests and for which TCC staff must ensure follow-up; and looking, proactive, solution oriented, concise when possible, regionwide in scope unless the issue has broader advocacy implications, and distinguished from tribal or Subregional resolutions—which are required for grant or funding assistance requests and for which TCC staff must ensure follow-up; and

**WHEREAS,** The member tribes of TCC require consistent, transparent updates on the status of resolutions passed by the Full Board to ensure accountability, follow through, and alignment with tribal priorities; and-

**WHEREAS,** Since the formation, the TCC full board of directors have passed resolutions that are in alignment with the services provided by TCC that outline concerns and priorities from healthcare services to tribal development services, the management of natural resources, public safety, community planning and transportation; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the years, resolutions have been modified to where they lose their intent; and

**WHEREAS,** The completion status and updates are not consistent and there are not updates available for some years on the TCC website.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors direct TCC staff to be fully accountable for carrying out resolutions adopted by the TCC Full Board of Directors in alignment with the TCC Bylaws and the TCC Resolution Rules, ensuring that implementation reflects the intent, authority, and guidance established by the member tribes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors request that a comprehensive review is completed for the past 10 years of resolutions that have been approved and passed by the Full Board of Directors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors request each Sponsoring Tribe is contacted to ensure that their resolutions have been updated or completed to their satisfaction; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors report out on the last 10 years of resolutions in writing. For easier access, the resolutions should be updated to include the completion status and updates on the TCC website for at least the last five years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that TCC will provide written updates on Full Board of Director resolutions every other month; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that TCC administration shall [maildistribute](#) eight (8) printed copies of each passed Full Board resolution to every TCC member tribe.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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

**Submitted by:** Koyukuk Native Village and Native Village of Tanana

**RESOLUTION FOR THE TCC E-BOARD STRENGTHEN  
TRIBAL REPRESENTATION, COMMUNICATION, AND  
ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE TCC EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- 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 Executive Board (E-board) is voted on by the Tribes ~~to~~for Representation for their subregion; and;
- WHEREAS,** ~~The Tribes are to~~ work with their E-board Rrepresentative to ensure their regions wants and needs are being heard; and;
- WHEREAS,** The E-board rRepresentative is supposed to vote, and speak-up for their region ~~on their~~ needs during TCC E-board meetings; and;
- WHEREAS,** After a phone survey with a majority of the forty-two Tribes and communities to gauge their relationship with their E-Board rRepresentatives, a majority expressed they had little to no communication from their rRepresentative or were uncomfortable discussing the subject due to a fear of repercussions; and;
- WHEREAS,** The Tribes would like our E-board rRepresentatives to be held to higher standards, to regularly engage with all the Tribes they represent, including tribal councils, administrators and staff, and tribal members, to truly represent the regions; and;
- WHEREAS,** The Tribes would like to have more communication between the E-board rRepresentative and the Tribes with regular phone calls after reviewing the agendas to discuss key topics; and;
- WHEREAS,** Information should go both ways, the Tribes would like the E-board rRepresentative to give reports to the Tribes on meetings, progress, and about what they learned from each meeting and training sessions they attend; and;
- WHEREAS,** TCC E-board should be involved in the transparency of TCC to the Tribes; and;
- WHEREAS,** The E-Board should make sure the Tribes are aware of the budgets being passed; and;

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**Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors**



**WHEREAS,** The E-board should ~~be making~~ make sure the rules and roles of TCC are being followed, as well as ~~making~~ make sure the rules and roles of the tribes, and;

**WHEREAS,** The E-board ~~r~~Representatives ~~are make sure they are should~~ are adequately representing their region.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors, ~~TCC and the Tribes~~ TCC will hold the E-board to higher standards and ~~being ensure they are~~ ensure more proactive in communications with their Tribes; and

**Commented [KR1]:** From Amber Vaska: The full board of directors are TCC Tribes.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that TCC and the E-Board will work together with the Tribes to resolve the communication issues.

**Commented [KR2]:** From Amber Vaska: Highlight for committee discussion.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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

**Submitted by:** McGrath Native Village

## FUNDING FOR ELDER ASSISTANCE

- 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 our culture we are to respect and take care of our elders; and
- WHEREAS,** Due to high economic inflation significantly impacting those in the villages, young people have less time and energy to care for family members outside of the home, due to increased demands to meet their basic needs; and
- WHEREAS,** Most elders are living off a fixed income and can barely afford the basics, and there is a lack of funding to hire people to provide assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** Some elders do not have transportation for hauling garbage to the dump to maintain a healthy safe home; and
- WHEREAS,** Woodstove heat is used for not only heating the home, but it is also used in preserving dry meat, for cooking on the wood stove, especially during extreme cold temperatures when propane starts to freeze/ gel, dry out wet winter gear and keep boots warm, and to maintain humidity in the house; and
- WHEREAS,** Elders need help cutting, splitting, stacking, and hauling wood from the shed to the wood box, and shoveling paths in the snow in winter months; and
- WHEREAS,** Elders need help taking care of their yard in warmer months, including spring clean-up, twice monthly mowing and weed whacking, and fall clean-up, to be able to go outdoors enjoy the sunshine and the yard and maintain access for services so willows and brush do not take over the property; and
- WHEREAS,** Elders could be utilizing the energy expended for outdoor chores, to garden, hunt, process fish and foods for the winter, and other food related subsistence activities; and
- WHEREAS,** Elders increased medical problems, lowered mobility and other health related issues, increase the risk of injury and extended recovery periods for extraneous outdoor chores; and

**WHEREAS,** With less members in the community our elders are becoming increasingly neglected, and are struggling to do the basics for survival and are being forced to move away from the village to finish out their lives in elder homes that do not properly allow them to live their traditional lifestyle or enjoy their traditional cultural foods; and

**WHEREAS,** Jobs are needed to encourage growth in our communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Having programs where younger people get to work with the elders encourages engagement from both ages and develops social networks and allows them a chance to interact with each other outside of normal circumstances; and

**WHEREAS,** Our elders and our communities' benefit from having the opportunity for Elders to live a few more years in the village and lead cultural lifestyles where they can still feel independent, while contributing their knowledge to the next generation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs TCC ~~will to~~ look for funding to help the Tribes to prioritize their Elders ~~and to meet some of their needs through finding funding sources to~~ and have elder assistance in all the ~~tribes~~ communities.

## **CERTIFICATION**

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

**Submitted by:** -McGrath Native Village

## SUPPORT OF A ROAD FROM RUBY TO OPHIR

**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 McGrath Native Village is a federally recognized Tribe and is the governing body of the Native Village of McGrath; and

**WHEREAS,** The McGrath Native Village the TCC region Tribes Supports support the Development development of a transportation corridor between the Native Village of Ruby and Ophir; and

**WHEREAS,** The McGrath Native Village TCC region Tribes support this very important transportation route to enhance the economic opportunities and benefits to rural Alaska.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors that the McGrath Native Village has acknowledges that Tribes of the TCC region have discussed and agreed that this the Ruby to Ophir transportation corridor be entered into our the 20 year L RTP Long Range Transportation Plan as one of the region's priorities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that McGrath Native Village TCC member Tribes Requests the support and the help of TCC regarding to move this rural transportation priority forward; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution be presented to the full board of directors for TCC.

### CERTIFICATION

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

**Submitted by:** McGrath Native Village

## ANNUAL RECOGNITION OF TCC HUNTERS

**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 Interior Alaska Native peoples have always relied on hunting, respectful harvesting, and ceremonial food preparation as essential cultural practices that sustain our communities physically, spiritually, and socially; and

**WHEREAS,** Moose hunting remains one of the most important subsistence activities in the TCC region, and the skill, time, and personal risk taken by hunters demonstrates a deep commitment to providing for our Elders, families, and communities; and

**WHEREAS,** The knowledge required to process, prepare, and preserve meat is a valued traditional practice passed down through generations, ensuring that every part of the animal is honored and used responsibly; and

**WHEREAS,** The cooking and serving of traditional soups is a cultural act of nourishment, respect, and generosity, and soup cooks play a vital role in maintaining community well-being, cultural continuity, and the spirit of sharing; and

**WHEREAS,** Many hunters use their personal time, resources, and luck to successfully harvest moose to be used for events, gatherings, and ceremonies, and they often do so without expectation of compensation or recognition.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors shall annually recognize ~~and read~~ the names of TCC region nominated moose hunters, butchers, and soup cooks at the TCC Annual to honor their service and cultural contributions; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that in alignment with other TCC Annual Convention Awards, each recognized a hunter shall receive recognition as the "Hunter of the Year" and a token of appreciation, such as a stipend or culturally appropriate gift, in acknowledgment of their contribution of time, personal luck, and resources to secure a moose that benefits communities and our culture, dependent on availability of funding.

**CERTIFICATION**

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

**Submitted by:** Yukon-Koyukuk Subregion

## IDITAROD TO MAINTAIN RECORD OF THE NENANA TO NOME VS ANCHORAGE TO NOME

**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 terrain between the Nenana to Nome “Yukon Route” VS Anchorage to Nome “Traditional Trail” are extremely different from each other and cannot compare to each other’s natural obstacles; and

**WHEREAS,** The “Yukon route” beginning is a long stretch of a river run, and smoother then the over land, which is easier to catch speed; and

**WHEREAS,** The “Traditional route”, where the terrain is more overland rougher going through mountain range, which is a much slower go; and

**WHEREAS,** The records for the Traditional route should be kept separate from the Yukon route, and vise versa.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors requests the Iditarod to keep track of records of the traditional route and the Yukon route as the different records.

### **CERTIFICATION**

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

## ADDRESSING STAFFING NEEDS TO ENSURE EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF ENERGY ASSISTANCE SERVICES

- 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 responsible for the Energy Assistance Program for their forty-two communities and Fairbanks; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC has stated they will process Energy Assistance applications within 30 days of submission; and
- WHEREAS,** The Energy Assistance Program has failed to process applications in that period due to lack of sufficient staffing in the department; and
- WHEREAS,** A resolution submitted the prior year requested an additional, third, dedicated staff member for the Energy Assistance department to help balance the workload; and
- WHEREAS,** The Energy Assistance department still has only one dedicated person trying to process the applications for the TCC region's forty-two communities and Fairbanks; and
- WHEREAS,** Notifications of missing documents are not being received by the applicant in a timely manner due to lack of staffing, causing delays in processing; and
- WHEREAS,** Applicants and tribes are not receiving Letters of Notification upon processing of applications, letting applicant households know they will or will not be receiving assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** Payments to the vendors are not being appropriately broken down in the amounts and names to which accounts the payments should be applied, or not having the Letters of Notification attached to the payments, delaying proper crediting to recipient households; and
- WHEREAS,** Lack of staffing, delayed processing of applications and crisis requests, and delayed processing of payments are negatively impacting those who need assistance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** [that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs](#) TCC ~~will~~to hire enough staff to adequately

run the [Energy Assistance](#) department and meet the needs of their communities.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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

**Submitted by: McGrath Native Village**

# **Proposed Subregional Resolutions**

## SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN VILLAGE RECOVERY CAMP TO SERVE THE YUKON FLATS SUBREGION

- 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 Alaska Native people across the Interior and the Yukon Flats have been impacted by substance use disorders arising from colonization, loss of land and traditional lifeways, generational trauma, and disruptions to cultural identity, relationships, and community stability; and
- WHEREAS,** Alaska Native people have long relied on land, culture, family, language, and traditional values as central sources of strength, resilience, and healing, and these teachings, continue to be essential for wellness and recovery today; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tribe recognizes the need for a regional, culturally rooted healing camp in the Yukon Flats Subregion where tribal members and families can begin or continue their healing journey in a traditional setting closer to home; and
- WHEREAS,** The Christian Village Recovery Camp (Christian Village Camp) will be designed as a family-centered healing environment, incorporating cultural teachings, subsistence activities, respect for elders, land-based skills, peer support, and trauma-responsive practices grounded in Native values; and
- WHEREAS,** By using Native cultural and traditional values as its foundation, the Christian Village Camp will help individuals and families heal from trauma, restore relationships, strengthen identity, and choose healthy and substance-free lifestyles in their home communities; and
- WHEREAS,** The Christian Village Camp will support participants in developing practical and cultural skills that promote long-term recovery, including communication, problem solving, parenting, conflict resolution, healthy coping strategies, and reconnection to family, culture, and ancestral lands; and

**WHEREAS,** The Subregion seeks to work collaboratively with TCC, partner tribes, tribal health organizations, elders, culture bearers, and community members to ensure the camp reflects the values, traditions, and priorities of the Yukon Flats Subregion; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tribe wishes to pursue planning funds, facility development, staffing resources, and operational support to build and sustain the Christian Village Recovery Camp as a safe, culturally protected, tribally governed healing environment.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Christian Village Recovery Camp shall be based upon (1) healing through culture, ceremony, and connection to the land; (2) Family involvement and multigenerational participation where appropriate; (3) Trauma-informed, culturally grounded approaches to recovery; (4) Respect for traditional knowledge and protection of cultural teachings; and (5) Long-term community wellness, sobriety, and prevention; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Yukon Flats Subregion hereby supports, authorizes, and endorses the establishment of the Christian Village Recovery Camp to serve the Yukon Flats Subregion as a culturally based alternative to substance use treatment with subregional funding and other resources.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Yukon Flats Subregion on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Nancy James**  
**Executive Board Director, Yukon Flats**

**Submitted by:** Arctic Village

## REQUESTING TO MAKE KAIYUH A CONTROLLED USE AREA

**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,** YK subregional wording; and

**WHEREAS,** We recognize our inherent authority to exercise our tribal rights as stewards to our traditional territories and resources. Since time immemorial, we have properly cared for the hunting of the Kaiyuh Flats. We commit to conserve, restore, and provide for the tribal use of wildlife based on indigenous knowledge systems, and scientific principles; and

**WHEREAS,** Moose are integral to the culture, traditions and way of life of the Yukon River Tribes, serving as a foundation of our identity and spiritual practices; and

**WHEREAS,** The Nulato Tribal Council is concerned about the increasing number of outside hunters going into Kaiyuh; outside hunters have severely impacted our cultural practices, mental wellness and physical health, threatening the intergenerational transfer of traditional knowledge and skills; and

**WHEREAS,** Trophy hunters/ outside hunters affect not only our way of life but also our subsistence economies, which cannot be adequately quantified or replaced by Western economic measures; and

**WHEREAS,** The Alaska Board of Game is responsible for critical management decisions to our game animals; and

**WHEREAS,** The Nulato Tribal Council is also concerned about the number of float planes that are going into Kaiyuh and taking out moose; and

**WHEREAS,** The Nulato Tribal Council is concerned about the effects that these things will have on our traditional hunting grounds; and

**WHEREAS,** The Nulato Tribal Council is concerned about the trespassing that happens on our tribal members native allotments, located in Kaiyuh.

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that The Yukon Koyukuk Subregional Advisory Board hereby requests that Kaiyuh be made into a Controlled Use Area and Support Nulato Tribe to work with state agencies to submit proposed changes to hunting and trapping regulations to The Board of Game Interior Region 2026/2027 Cycle.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Yukon Koyukuk Subregion on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Charlie Green**  
**Executive Board Director, Yukon Koyukuk**

**Submitted by:** Nulato Tribal Council

PROPOSED SUBREGIONAL

## SUPPORTING REGIONAL PLANNING AND ADVOCACY FOR ELDER HOUSING OPTIONS CLOSER TO HOME IN THE UPPER TANANA SUBREGION

**WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and

**WHEREAS,** Elders are the knowledge holders and cultural foundation of Tribal communities, and supporting their ability to age with dignity, connection, and cultural continuity is a shared priority across the TCC region; and

**WHEREAS,** Many Elders from villages in the Upper Tanana subregion must relocate far from their home communities to access assisted living or elder care services, resulting in separation from family, land, language, and community support systems; and

**WHEREAS,** Distance from home can negatively impact Elder well-being, mental health, cultural connection, and overall quality of life; and

**WHEREAS,** Developing elder housing or assisted living options requires significant planning, coordination, and funding that often extends beyond the capacity of individual villages acting alone; and

**WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference plays a key role in regional coordination, planning, and advocacy in support of Tribal health, wellness, and self-determination.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors supports regional dialogue, planning, and advocacy related to the development of elder housing and assisted living options closer to home for Elders in the Upper Tanana subregion; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Tanana Chiefs Conference is encouraged to work collaboratively with interested Tribes, subregional leadership, and partners to explore feasibility, funding opportunities, and culturally appropriate models for elder housing; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution affirms the importance of supporting Elders to remain connected to their families, communities, and homelands as they age.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Upper Tanana Subregion on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Herbie Demit**  
**Executive Board Director, Upper Tanana**

**Submitted by:** Northway Village

PROPOSED SUBREGIONAL

## ELDERS HOME IN TOK FOR UPPER TANANA REGION

**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,** Tok Native Association (TNA) is made up of members of Upper Tanana villages. All members are tribally enrolled in member villages: Tetlin, Northway, Eagle, Tanacross, Healy Lake and Dot Lake; and

**WHEREAS,** TNA has members that want to stay in the Upper Tanana Region if an Elder home was available; and

**WHEREAS,** This resolution will support the need of an elder home for the Upper Tanana Region, so our elders can remain close to home and have more frequent family visits; and

**WHEREAS,** Tok or the Upper Tanana Region does not have housing for our elders.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors supports the establishment of an elder home in the Upper Tanana Region; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors directs TCC staff to seek funding to create a business plan to create a sustainable elder home; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the TCC Full Board of Directors directs TCC staff to assist TNA in identifying a location to start planning for an elder home in Tok for the Upper Tanana Region.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Upper Tanana Subregion on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Herbie Demit**  
**Executive Board Director, Upper Tanana**

**Submitted by:** Tok Native Association

## SUPPORTING REGIONAL PLANNING AND ADVOCACY FOR ELDER HOUSING OPTIONS CLOSER TO HOME IN THE UPPER TANANA SUBREGION

**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

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors supports regional dialogue, planning, and advocacy related to the development and location of elder housing and assisted living options closer to home for Elders in the Upper Tanana subregion; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Tanana Chiefs Conference is encouraged to work collaboratively with interested Tribes, subregional leadership, and partners to explore feasibility, funding opportunities, and culturally appropriate models for elder housing; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution affirms the importance of supporting Elders to remain connected to their families, communities, and homelands as they age.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Upper Tanana Subregion on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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**Herbie Demit**  
**Executive Board Director, Upper Tanana**

**Submitted by:** Northway Village & [Tok Native Association](#)



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