



**Alaska Native Brotherhood & Alaska Native
Sisterhood
Grand Camp**



RESOLUTION No. 14-19

Title: Request the State of Alaska initiates and begins restoring Tlingit place names to geographical locations in the Chilkat Valley region from modern Haines Borough north to the Alaska-Canada border at Dalton Creek

WHEREAS, the Tlingit people have inhabited the Chilkat Valley from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, all geographical locations in the Chilkat Valley had a Native place name including water bodies, landforms, toolstone or commemorative rocks and trees, and important places associated with plant and animal lifeways; and

WHEREAS, with the advent of explorers, miners, and non-Native settlers the majority of the landmarks and geographical locations were re-named in non-Native languages; and

WHEREAS, the Chilkat Valley Tlingit have and continue to use their Native language; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has made a commitment to resurrect and restore Alaskan place names to their original languages.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in Petersburg, Alaska between October 8 through October 11, 2014 request that the State of Alaska, through their authority over the Alaska Marine Highway System, Departments of Environmental Conservation, Fish and Game, Natural Resources (Parks and Forestry Divisions), Transportation and Public Facilities begin consultation with Haines ANB and ANS Camp 5, the Chilkat Indian Village and clans, Haines area clans and tribes, the Chilkoot Indian Association, the USGS in consultation with the USFS to identify landmarks by their original name and begin a process to co-name these locations in the Chilkat Valley region.



William E. Martin
ANB Grand President



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ATTEST: I certify that this resolution was adopted by the ANB/ANS Grand Camp in convention at Petersburg, Alaska, during the week of October 8 through October 11, 2014.



Colette Buchanan
ANB Grand Secretary