



ANB – ANS
JUNEAU, ALASKA – September 2015

Resolution #15-21

Title: Requesting the Alaska State Legislature fund a study to determine inequity in detainment, sentencing, time in jail, and probation requirements for minority groups in Alaska, and recommend solutions.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood Grand Camp is a fraternal organization organized in the year 1912 and is dedicated to the advocacy of civil rights, health, education, welfare, employment, economic justice and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Alaska has the 11th fastest growing prison population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Natives make up about 18 percent of the state's population, while they constitute approximately 36 percent of all prisoners in State custody; and

WHEREAS, the State is experiencing a fiscal problem and cost cutting measures must be examined, and

WHEREAS, the cost for incarceration for each inmate is approximately \$49,800 per year (or \$136 per day), and the benefits to society of having an individual employed and participating in the community instead of being incarcerated are substantial;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANS Camp 2 and the ANB & ANS Camp 70, assembled in a joint meeting in September 2015, call for Grand Camp to support and endorse the efforts of the State Legislature to fund a study to determine the extent of inequities in detainment, sentencing, time in jail, and probation requirements for minority groups in Alaska, and for those inequities that exist, that the reason for those inequities be determined and recommended solutions be presented.

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