



ANB – ANS
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Resolution #15 - 23

Title: Requesting Legislation for Revenue-sharing When Village Resources are Utilized.

WHEREAS, in more than half of the communities with fewer than 1,000 residents, Alaska Natives form the majority of the population. To a remarkable degree, thousands of Native people still live off the land, taking 90 percent or more of what they eat every year from the land or sea. Alaska Natives are among the last remaining Native Americans who are still living on their ancestral lands— having never been forcibly removed to reservations. Despite the large number of Alaska Natives living in “bush” or rural Alaska, more than 40 percent of Alaska Natives also live in the three major urban areas of Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau; and

WHEREAS, the most current report on the status of Alaska Natives indicated that Natives have more jobs, higher incomes, and better living conditions, health care, and education than ever. But they remain several times more likely than other Alaskans to be poor and out of work. Alcohol continues to fuel widespread social problems. Native students continue to do poorly on standardized tests, and they are dropping out at nearly twice the rate of other students. Rates of heart disease and diabetes are rising. In 2004, incomes of Natives remained just 50-60 percent of those of other Alaskans, despite gains. Alaska Natives living in rural communities struggle to persevere in some of the harshest conditions in the world, in many cases without adequate access to heat, electricity and sanitation services; and

WHEREAS, many Urban Boroughs are financially viable Boroughs who receive substantial revenue from the extraction of oil, gas and minerals from traditional lands of many villages; and

WHEREAS, these same Boroughs do not share their revenues with the Village communities, nor do they encourage tribal hire or subcontracting; and

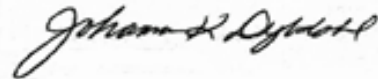
WHEREAS, economic focus has been to support Alaska Native Corporations 8(a) efforts to stimulate economic recovery of Alaska Natives but has not been proven to benefit Alaska Native Villages;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANS Camp 2 and the ANB & ANS Camp 70, assembled in a joint meeting in September 2015, request Grand Camp assembled in

October 2015, the Centennial Year of the ANS, support action to encourage both Congress and the State of Alaska to enact fair and equitable revenue sharing standards with the Villages whose traditional lands are being utilized to extract resources from local communities, so they may receive financial benefits through taxation or other means as part of an effort to stimulate the economy and revitalize rural areas.

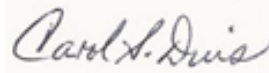


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