



Alaska Native Brotherhood  
Camp #1

Alaska Native Sisterhood  
Camp #4

Resolution # 43

**Title:** A Resolution urging the Alaska Legislative to pass Senate Bill 78 and House Bill 148

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Native Brotherhood, Camp #1, and the Alaska Native Sisterhood, Camp #4, a native organization established in 1912 and whose mission is to better the lives of Native people and their families, to fight for civil rights and land rights for all Native people, to share the cultural knowledge, wisdom, and artistic beauty of Native tribal societies; and to strive for a spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood among all people.

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 78 and House Bill 148 will improve health outcomes by improving preventative and primary care access, providing substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling and reducing the mortality rate; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 42,000 of our family members, friends and neighbors have the opportunity to gain health care coverage under expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, the expansion of Medicaid will generate over \$1 billion in new federal matching into Alaska over the first five years; and

**WHEREAS**, studies project expansion will likely yield 4,000 new jobs, \$1.2 billion more in wages and salaries paid to Alaskans, and \$2.49 billion in increased economic activity throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, with expansion, the State would save \$6.1 million in FY 2016 by using federal funds to pay for health services currently paid for with state general funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the State's continued participation in contingent upon maintaining the 90% match; and

**WHEREAS**, leveraging the federal resources that come with expansion is the State's biggest opportunity to finance reform efforts; and

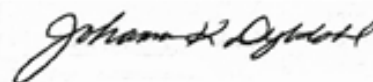
**WHEREAS**, the State has the opinion of various Medicaid expansion demonstration projects it may also consider as part of reform, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in October, \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 the centennial Year of the ANS, and

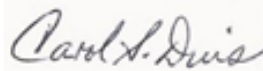
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Alaska Native Brotherhood, Camp #1 and the Alaska Native Sisterhood #4, support this resolution and we further direct the Grand Camp ANB/ANS to communicate with and urge the Alaska State Legislature to endorse Senate 78 and House Bill 148 and to stand behind Alaska Governor Bill Walker in his decision on these legislative bills, for the good of Alaskans who need health coverage and cannot afford health coverage due to the high cost of living in Alaska.



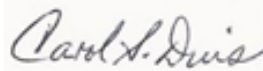
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