



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



RESOLUTION NO. # 13-17

Title: Support for the Development of a Master Plan for Improvements to Auke Bay Recreation Site, Including Elements Restoring the A’akw Identity to the Area

Whereas, the US Forest Service established the now-popular Auke Bay Recreational Area north of Juneau on lands documented to have been home to the A’akw Kwaan (that is, the A’akw clans), but which are now federal lands managed by the US Forest Service; and

Whereas, the Douglas Indian Association, a federally-recognized tribe (hereafter referred to as “the Tribe”) representing, among others, descendants of the A’akw Kwaan, is working cooperatively with the US Forest Service to facilitate respectful stewardship and maintenance of the Auke Bay Recreational Area, and in doing is working to witness the transformation of revered homelands in the recreational lands with little evidence of their enormous historic value to the A’akw Kwaan; and

Whereas, the US Forest Service intends to develop a master plan for the Auke Bay Recreational Area that will consider the development of cultural buildings, totems, house posts, garden areas, interpretive signage, and other indicators of the rich cultural history of the place; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in October 8-11 of 2013, support the development of the Auke Bay Recreational Area master plan and implementation of the plan including placement of strong indicators of its cultural history as A’akw Kwaan homelands at the Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp, urges the US Forest Service to work closely with the Tribe in developing and promoting funding for this plan.

ANB Grand President

ANS Grand President

ATTEST: I certify that this resolution was adopted by the ANB/ANS Grand Camp in convention at Yakutat, Alaska, during the week of October 8 through 11, 2013.

ANB Grand Secretary