



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



RESOLUTION NO. # 13-29

Title: Request rescission of regulations recently adopted that would allow state agencies to apply herbicides and pesticides on state property and right-of- ways without obtaining a permit from Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and without public review and participation.

WHEREAS, the ANB and ANS Grand Camp is an organization dedicated among other goals to the protection and promotion of civil rights and land rights for all Native people, and to share the cultural knowledge, wisdom and artistic beauty of Native tribal societies; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has previously been unresponsive to the concerns of the Boroughs of Petersburg and Haines, and others regarding the recently updated State regulations reducing and eliminating public input for application of herbicides and pesticides on State lands and rights-of-ways; and

WHEREAS, the ANB and ANS Grand Camp hold among their tenets the cultural and traditional uses of Alaska resources including berry picking, mushroom harvest, spruce bud harvest, hunting, collection of aquatic plants and animals, as well as fishing and harvest of water for personal uses that can and do occur along roadways and rights -of-way as well as lands and water bodies into which stream resources flow; and

WHEREAS, published scientific information demonstrates the potential health risks of herbicides as listed in the Integrated Vegetation Management Program including herbicides containing substances such as glyphosates; and

WHEREAS, as stewards and inhabitants of Alaska's resources and lands, we express our concerns regarding the potential use of harmful chemicals affecting the quality of water and food resources which are integral to the health and welfare of current and future generations, particularly without public input.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in October 2013 request that the State of Alaska reconsider regulations to once again include public comment and concerns in planning and conducting vegetation control along State lands and rights-of-ways, in keeping with Article 1 of the Alaska Constitution provision that all government

comes from the people and is founded on their will only, for the good of the people as a whole.

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