



ANB/ANS Grand Camp

Ketchikan, AK October 2018



Resolution 18-08

Title: **Reauthorization of Violence Against Women Act**

WHEREAS, We have some of the highest crime rates in Alaska, in the villages; and,

WHEREAS, There is a critical need for programs to receive funding to provide services to survivors of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and other forms of violence; and,

WHEREAS, Proposed extensions of the existing Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) do not meet the urgent needs of survivors with respect to current issues in Title IX "Safety for Indian Women"; and,

WHEREAS, According to the Tribal Law and Order Act Commission Report, Alaska Native women are over-represented in the domestic violence victim population by 250%. They comprise 19% of the state population but are 47% of reported rape victims. Among other Indian tribes, Alaska Native women suffer the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence in the country; and,

WHEREAS, We need to adopt a jurisdictional fix to the Indian country issue and work closely with the Alaska Congressional delegation and the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center to ensure that provisions added will address the unique needs of Alaska Native tribal governments. This issue is especially important with the June 29, 2018 Withdrawal of Solicitor Opinion M-37043 "Authority to Acquire Land into Trust in Alaska"; and,

WHEREAS, The Alaska Fix requires a permanent fix for Victims of Crime Act Funding, to expand funding for the Tribal Access Program so that more than one tribe will be eligible to participate, to adopt and strengthen Savannah's Act to address the ongoing crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and the overall need to strengthen the ability of tribes to respond to violence in their own communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood, in Grand Camp assembled October 2018, request the Alaska delegation, Senator and Representatives take leadership for immediate legislative action to resolve these life-threatening problems by expanding funding for the Tribal Access Program, adopting Savannah's Act, and extending the Violence Against Women Act with jurisdictional fixes for Alaska.

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