



# ANB/ANS Grand Camp

Ketchikan, AK October 2018



## Resolution 18-12

Title: **Teach Alaska Native History in Alaska's Public Schools**

WHEREAS, The Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB), formed in 1912, and the Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS), organized in 1915, led the way to obtaining for the Alaska Native people the right to vote and the right to go to public schools. ANB and ANS also filed the first land claims for Natives which led to ANCSA and the 12 regional corporations as well as village and urban corporations; and

WHEREAS, William Paul was the first Tlingit lawyer to fight for these issues plus many other rights, Including our Native health benefits we now enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Presently there is no required teaching of ANB/ANS history or of Elizabeth Peratrovich, who influenced passage of the 1945 anti-discrimination bill in the Territorial Legislature, for which Congress will honor her with a coin next year; and

WHEREAS, This important and vital history should be taught in the public schools because it has impacted every Alaska Native person; and

WHEREAS, Many Alaska Natives have volunteered to fill this existing void through mentoring and school appearances;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood, assembled in convention October 2018, will actively advocate and educate state legislators to have Alaska Native history taught in the public schools and for this to happen immediately.

/s/ Sasha Soboleff, Grand President  
Alaska Native Brotherhood

/s/ Cecelia Tavoliero, Grand President  
Alaska Native Sisterhood

/s/ James A. Llanos Jr, Grand Secretary  
Alaska Native Brotherhood

/s/ Carol Duis, Grand Secretary  
Alaska Native Sisterhood