



ANB/ANS Grand Camp

Ketchikan, AK October 2018



Resolution 18-19

Title: Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

WHEREAS, The Violence Against Women Act is set to expire December 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The July 2018 HR 6545 reauthorizes the VAWA from 2019 to 2023 and will clarify and extend protection of Native Americans and Alaska Native women (section Title IX—Safety for Women

SEC. 901 Findings and Purposes); and

WHEREAS, Alaska Native women must be included in statistics in the Northwest United States, as with other Indian women; and

WHEREAS, Title IX expands the definition of sexual assault perpetrators to include not only spouses, either current or previous, but also anyone who a woman is currently “dating” or previously dated, or currently or previously cohabited with, or parent of a child shared by the woman, or a relative thereof; and

WHEREAS, The definition of “sex-trafficking” has been included and defined; and

WHEREAS, We insist on the development of inter-agency cooperation/collaboration to report and share data regarding sexual violence against Native American and Alaska Native women; and

WHEREAS, We also request the arrest of non-Native perpetrators who commit crimes of sexual violence against Native American and Alaska Native women by tribal police and their prosecution by tribal courts; and

WHEREAS, Several other sections of VAWA should also be supported: investigating Missing and Murdered Indian Women and Children; education and prevention; expanding grant monies to support victims of sexual or domestic violence in relocating, coverage of loss of wages, and mental health support; protection of tribal lands from trespassing on hunting and fishing rights by non-Natives/non-residents of those lands; and many more sections;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) and the Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS), in Grand Camp assembled October 2018, officially support the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act which includes HR 6545 with coverage of December 8, 2019 to 2023 ([//www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/6545/text](http://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/6545/text)); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the ANB and ANS petition the Alaska state government to rectify sentencing to include the provisions listed in HR 6545 and also specify terms of the tools of sexual assault (such as “sperm”, commented on by Gov. Bill Walker in the case of Justin Schneider who received no jail time because there was no definition, under Alaska law, or sperm being an assault weapon; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, We petition for the recall of Judge Michael Corey for this atrocious sentencing, the total lack of empathy for the impact on the victim, and not assigning some sort of restitution from the perpetrator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood will make more concentrated efforts of supporting the lower 48 states, including Hawaii and Puerto Rico, by individual and collective efforts to protect Native peoples against sexual and domestic violence and sex trafficking, and to support tribal jurisdiction to arrest and prosecute non-Natives who perpetrate such offenses, especially against Alaska Natives living in those regions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood, in convention assembled October 2018, pledge to elevate the protection of our Native/Indigenous/First Nations children, elders, and people in general.

(Resources:

House Resolution 6545

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/6545/text>

Sexual Assault on Alaska Native women and children in Alaska, Sentencing

<https://www.inforum.com/news/crime-and-courts/4505902-jury-acquits-william-hoehn-murder-conspiracy-savanna-lafontaine>

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