



ANB/ANS Grand Camp

Ketchikan, AK October 2018



Resolution 18-22

Title: Congress must finally recognize Landless Southeast Alaska Communities

WHEREAS, The Southeast Alaska Native communities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee Springs, and Wrangell were not provided the authority under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971

(ANCSA) to form Native corporations nor receive land as did the other 188 Native communities,

WHEREAS, These prospective shareholders from the five communities make up more than 20% of Sealaska Corporation; and

WHEREAS, The five Landless communities have, for generations, sought Congressional provision for full eligibility for ANCSA benefits; and

WHEREAS, Congress in 1992 commissioned a formal study to examine the reasons why the five communities were denied eligibility in ANCSA; and

WHEREAS, No reasonable explanation has ever been provided for not including the five Landless communities in the ANCSA settlement; and

WHEREAS, With each passing year, the inequality mounts as recognized village and urban corporations participate in the economic and social fabric of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, The Native members of the five Landless communities continue to seek redress which would provide for the formation of ANCSA corporations and land entitlement;



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Grand Camp of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood, assembled in convention October 2018, does hereby urge the United States Congress to recognize the Sealaska shareholders registered in the communities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee Springs, and Wrangell as Native communities having the same status as Native communities recognized in Section 14(h) and Section 16 of ANCSA and provide authorization for those

Native communities to form ANCSA corporations and select land and be provided compensation for the economic opportunities lost due to the delayed recognition of their rights to share in land entitlement in the same manner as those Native communities recognized for such participation in 1971 under ANCSA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall be the policy of Grand Camp until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

/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