



ANB/ANS Grand Camp
Anchorage, AK October 2019



Resolution 2019-05

Title: CREATE ANB/ANS AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PEACEMAKING CIRCLES

WHEREAS, The mission of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp is to better the lives of Native people and their families; to continue the fight for civil rights and land rights of all Native people; to share the cultural knowledge, wisdom, and artistic beauty of Native Tribal Societies and strive for a spirit of Brotherhood and Sisterhood among all people; and

WHEREAS, All organizations encounter disputes including those organizations in the fight for the rights of Indigenous people who experience the added complexities related to the intergenerational trauma, racism, and other challenges that Indigenous people face; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous people always have peacemakers and have survived and thrived since time immemorial through the power of the circle and tribal core values which promote healing; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Demmert Fairbanks (Tlingit/Tsimshian and ANS Sister), tribal appellate judge and law-school professor, is a nationally-recognized leader and innovator in implementing peacemaking-circles throughout Indian Country including Alaska, and she supports the proposed peacemaking-circles project; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska is home to the Kake Circle Peacemaking Program which stands as a model of a traditional circle-peacemaking approach and focuses on healing relationships and preventing further disputes, and Mike Jackson (Tlingit), District Court Magistrate, serves as an advisor for this circle-peacemaking approach;



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in October 2019 appoint an ad hoc committee to determine the feasibility of developing a model of peacemaking-circles for use by Grand Camp.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Grand Camp appoints Sister Ruth Jensen to serve on the ad hoc committee on a pro bono basis.

/s/ Joe Williams, Grand President
Alaska Native Brotherhood

/s/ Paulette Moreno, Grand President
Alaska Native Sisterhood

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

/s/ Carol Duis, Grand Secretary
Alaska Native Sisterhood