



ANB/ANS Grand Camp
Anchorage, AK October 2019



Resolution 19-15

Title: STOP CRUISE SHIP DUMPING

WHEREAS, The Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp represent hundreds of members. ANB/ANS's mission is to better the lives of Native people and their families and to continue the fight for civil rights and land rights of all Native peoples; and

WHEREAS, Traditional foods gathered are healthier than foods bought at stores; and

WHEREAS, Many of the more isolated communities do not have the option to purchase affordable food from stores and rely on the collection of wild food; and

WHEREAS, In 2013 the Alaska Legislature overturned the Citizens Initiative passed in 2006 requiring cruise ships to treat their wastewater to the level protective of human health and aquatic life; and

WHEREAS, In response, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated a Large Vessel General Permit in 2014 that allows many large ships to dump grey and/or brown water liquid wastes into mixing zones many times the protective water quality standards to protect human health while stationary in port; and

WHEREAS, Cruise ships come to almost all Southeast Alaska communities, and these waters are not being monitored to measure the effects of this waste dumping; and

WHEREAS, each year larger and larger cruise ships are allowed to dump in excess of 40,000 gallons per day per ship; and

WHEREAS, Carnival Cruise Line alone took in \$10 billion in 2016 and has the money to treat its wastes water to protect human health while remaining profitable;



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, ANB/ANS Camp hereby holds that the cruise line practice of dumping waste in the inside waters of Southeast Alaska is significantly and adversely affecting our communities; now

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood advocate for legislation and regulation requiring all ships operating in the inside waters of Southeast Alaska to negotiate agreements with local communities on dumping practices or hold their waste until at least one(1) nautical miles offshore and traveling more than six (6) knots while dumping hold tanks, and that any dumping not impact areas where our citizens collect traditional foods.

/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