



ANB/ANS Grand Camp
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Resolution 19-20

Title: SUPPORT RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS FOR EX-PRISONERS

WHEREAS, The State of Alaska recidivism rate is 66.41% with more than 900 individuals released monthly, a successful reentry will provide former offenders the opportunity to support themselves in a stable sober living environment and access to substance abuse treatment; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Alaska incarceration rates in prisons and jails were the highest for minorities - Black and American Indians/Alaska Natives. Per 100,000 people, there are 1,506 American Indians/Alaska Natives incarcerated; 1,294 Blacks incarcerated, and 370 Whites incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, 98% of those released from prison need treatment. The Department of Corrections (DOC) has a total of 60 beds available statewide for treatment with long wait periods of a minimum of 6 months, which for the State of Alaska is inhibiting immediate successful available treatment; and

WHEREAS, For the mentally ill or substance abusing offenders, the median length of a prison stay was significantly longer than that of other offenders, and they recidivated at higher rates than other offenders; and,

WHEREAS, The daily cost of corrections in the State of Alaska are: Institutions (hard beds) \$162.49, Community Residential Centers (soft beds) \$128.06, Electronic Monitoring \$28.76, and Probation & Parole \$9.57; and,

WHEREAS, Barriers to find housing are limited housing options, stigma of being an “ex-offender”, Federal and State programs that prohibit individuals with a criminal conviction from receiving assistance, limited affordable housing, and lack of housing that meets requirements of Probation/Parole Officers (ex: safe, no victims, no alcohol/drugs, no minors). The fact that so many reentering offenders fail so quickly after release suggests that the barriers are immediate; and,

WHEREAS, In Juneau alone, formerly incarcerated people are almost 10 times more likely to be homeless than the general public, and formerly incarcerated people are most likely to be homeless in the period shortly after their release;



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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in October 2019 urge Alaska Native tribes, Native Alaskan organizations, and State of Alaska to fund comprehensive housing and treatment programs for those entering society from prison.

/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
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