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By the Full Board of Directors**

**Resolution 2014-01**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A PLAN FOR THE INTEGRATION OF BBNA'S INDIAN EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND RELATED SERVICES, INCLUDING TANF, PURSUANT TO P.L. 102-477.**

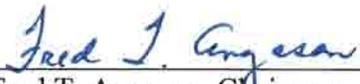
- WHEREAS: the Bristol Bay Native Association is a tribal consortium and Alaska Native regional non-profit corporation that operates a variety of federal programs under a PL 93-638 self-governance compact with the United States authorized by its member tribes, as well as other federal and state programs under other grants and contracts; and,
- WHEREAS: the Bristol Bay Native Association exists to serve the socioeconomic needs of its member tribes and their members; and,
- WHEREAS: the Bristol Bay Native Association is committed to providing programs to the region in the areas of employment and training; and,
- WHEREAS: the administrative burden created by the varied regulations and requirements of numerous different funding agencies can create inefficiencies that have an adverse effect on service delivery to clients; and
- WHEREAS: Congress, through P.L. 102-477, the Indian Employment Training and Related Services Act of 1992, simplified the bureaucratic requirements by allowing Tribes and Alaska Native Organizations to consolidate separate employment, training, and related services programs into a single, comprehensive program; and,
- WHEREAS: the Bristol Bay Native Association has operated integrated employment and training services pursuant to P.L. 102-477 since FY 1996, and intends to continue this through an integrated plan for the following programs:
- Department of Labor Workforce Investment Act's Comprehensive Services and Supplemental Youth Services (DOL and SYEP)
  - Department of Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance (GA)
  - Bureau of Indian Education's Adult Education and Higher Education (ABE, HE)
  - Assistant Secretaries Indian Affairs' Job Placement and Training (JTPA)
  - Department of Health and Human Services' Child Care Development Funds

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- Native Employment Works (NEW)
- Department of Health and Human Services Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (to be integrated under BBNA's PL 102-477 Plan effective October 1, 2014).

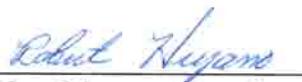
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association authorizes and directs the President and Chief Executive Officer to develop and submit to the Secretary of the Interior a plan to integrate BBNA's employment, training and related services as listed above, including TANF, into a single, comprehensive program pursuant to PL 102-477; to negotiate and enter into such agreements as are necessary to implement such a plan effective for FY 2015 and subsequent fiscal years; and to operate such a plan when in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is effective when adopted and shall remain in effect until amended, rescinded or superseded by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association.

  
Fred T. Angasan, Chairman

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Bristol Bay Native Association, Inc. do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was passed by the Full Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association at a duly called and noticed meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2014, and that a quorum was present.

  
Robert Heyano, Secretary

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**Resolution 2014-02**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF ALASKA TO SUPPORT THE VILLAGE ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM (VEEP)**

**WHEREAS:** the high and volatile price of energy remains a pervasive and serious issue for all entities situated in Bristol Bay; and

**WHEREAS:** the Alaska Energy Authority received authorization from the state legislature to establish the Village Energy Efficiency Program, and regulations were written and promulgated in 2012; and

**WHEREAS:** the program supports the implementation of energy efficiency and conservation measures in public buildings located in small, high cost communities with populations no greater than 8,000; and

**WHEREAS:** the program accepts applications from municipalities, cities, school districts, unincorporated villages, Native regional and village corporations, non-profit tribal consortia, regional housing authorities, and tribal councils; and

**WHEREAS:** the program offers a technical assistance option to help lessen the administrative and technical burdens confirming successful implementation of the money granted; and

**WHEREAS:** in the first solicitation, 84 applications from around the state were received requesting \$10.7 million in funding demonstrating a robust need for the program; and

**WHEREAS:** the Governor included \$900,000.00 for the program in the FY 2014 capital budget, but did not include money for the program in the FY 2015 capital budget.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY** the Full Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that it urges the Governor and Alaska State Legislature to recognize the

importance of the VEEP program for rural Alaska communities and allocate it additional funding of no less than \$900,000 annually.

Fred T. Angasan

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**Resolution 2014-03**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BBNA'S FY2014 COORDINATED TRIBAL ASSISTANCE (CTAS) GRANT APPLICATION**

- WHEREAS: the Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is a non-profit tribal consortium that serves 31 tribes in the Bristol Bay Region; and,
- WHEREAS: the U.S. Department of Justice FY2014 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) is a multipurpose grant notification that covers nine (9) purpose areas; and,
- WHEREAS: the BBNA Community Services Department would like to apply for Purpose Area #2 (BJA) Comprehensive Tribal Justice Systems Strategic Planning for a strategic planning process; Purpose Area #3 (BJA) Justice Systems, and Alcohol and Substance Abuse for establishing a regional court; Purpose Area #4 (BJA) Corrections and Correctional Alternatives for improving public safety facilities; and,
- WHEREAS: the BBNA Family Services Department would like to apply for Purpose Area #5 (OVW) Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program to provide a shelter and services to women and children; and Purpose Area # 7 (OVC) Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance Program to develop a culturally competent multidisciplinary response to sexual assault and domestic violence; and,
- WHEREAS: the overall strategy is to bring a more consistent and integrated public safety and victimization response in culturally respectful ways to people through their Tribes by supporting further development and expansion of the Tribal justice system in the region; and,
- WHEREAS: results expected from the FY2014 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) application is progress towards implementation of the Bristol Bay Regional Vision in regards to Safe and Healthy Families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association authorizes and supports a funding application as outlined herein to the Department of Justice for the FY2014 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) due by March 24, 2014.

  
Fred T. Angasan, Chairman

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**Resolution 2014 -04**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BBNA TO APPLY FOR AN ANA SEDS GRANT FOR REGIONAL PLANNING**

**WHEREAS:** the Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is a regional Alaska Native non-profit corporation and tribal consortium serving 31 tribal communities in the Bristol Bay Region of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS:** the Bristol Bay Partnership is a group of regional organization leaders from Bristol Bay Native Corporation, Bristol Bay Housing Authority, Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, and Bristol Bay Native Association organized through a formal Memorandum of Understanding to address regional and other common issues; and

**WHEREAS:** the Bristol Bay Partnership undertook the Bristol Bay Regional Vision Project, with BBNA as the lead, a grassroots planning process that documented Bristol Bay residents' values and hopes for the future; and

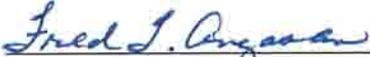
**WHEREAS:** as a result of two hearings each in 26 communities with nearly 1,400 participants, the Bristol Bay Vision Statement expresses the values and hopes for the future of the people along the themes of Safe & Healthy Families; Culture & Subsistence; Economic Development; Energy; Education; Housing; Transportation & Infrastructure; and cooperation; and

**WHEREAS:** regional planning was envisioned as a multi-phased process with future phases aligned with issues brought up in the visioning process; and

**WHEREAS:** funding is available from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) – Social Economic Development Strategy (SEDS) Program authorized under 42 U.S.C. 2991b (Section 803(a) of the Native American Programs Act of 1974 (NAPA)) as amended, which promotes sustainable local economies, and programs and services that safeguard the health and well-being of Native Americans; and

**WHEREAS:** BBNA is committed to implementing the Regional Vision by proceeding to the next phase, regional planning.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bristol Bay Native Association Full Board of Directors authorizes and supports a grant application to the ANA-SEDS for a regional planning project that builds upon the Bristol Bay Regional Vision.

  
Fred T. Angasan, Chairman

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**RESOLUTION 2014-05**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING NEW EPA GUIDELINES REGARDING IGAP APPLICATIONS  
BY TRIBAL CONSORTIA**

WHEREAS: The Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is an Alaska Native regional non-profit corporation and a Tribal Consortium of 31 Tribes which provides a variety of educational, social, economic and related services to the Native people of the Bristol Bay Region of Alaska; and

WHEREAS: BBNA has successfully operated an environmental program relying on EPA IGAP grants and cooperative agreements for the benefit of its member tribes since 1997; and

WHEREAS: BBNA's Environmental Program works with Tribes to develop village based programs and watershed approaches to protect environmental quality, human health, and renewable resources; and

WHEREAS: BBNA's Environmental Program uses IGAP funding to provide technical assistance and support services to help between twenty-three and twenty-eight Tribes annually to develop and implement village-based environmental programs; and

WHEREAS: Beginning in FY 2015 EPA is imposing a requirement that a tribal consortium must have resolutions of support from all of its member Tribes in order for the consortium to receive EPA IGAP funding; and

WHEREAS: This policy disregards decades of practice and federal policy in Alaska whereby established Alaska tribal consortia have operated federal programs based on the particular Tribes that provide authorizing resolutions for a given grant or program; and

WHEREAS: EPA's new "all tribes or none" policy violates tribal sovereignty and self-determination by disregarding tribal choices for service delivery; and

WHEREAS: EPA's new "all tribes or none" policy appears based on a misunderstanding of the nature of tribal consortia in Alaska and disregards the absence of federal legal standards or requirements for forming a tribal consortium or governing their operations; and

WHEREAS: It is highly unrealistic for the EPA to expect all member tribes to return resolutions to the larger consortia when there are 229 federally-recognized Tribes in the State of Alaska with widely varying needs, interests and functionality and each consortium does not serve every Tribe within its service area in any given calendar year; and

WHEREAS: This new EPA policy is unique among federal agencies and appears to be a subterfuge to prevent tribal consortia in Alaska from receiving EPA IGAP grants despite their statutory eligibility provided by 42 USC §4368b.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bristol Bay Native Association strongly encourages the EPA to reconsider its requirements for grant applications by tribal consortia in Alaska and to continue to allow consortia to serve those particular Tribes that provide grant authorizing resolutions without requiring a resolution from every Tribe that may be a member of the organization for other purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the alternative BBNA requests the EPA to waive the regulatory requirement it construes as requiring all of a consortium's member Tribes to provide authorizing resolutions for purposes of BBNA's IGAP grant, as authorized by 42 CFR §35.503.

  
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**RESOLUTION 2014-06**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING AN EPA POLICY CHANGE REQUIRING TRIBES TO USE GRANTS.GOV FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS: The Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is a tribal consortium and Alaska Native regional non-profit corporation providing a variety of educational, social, economic and related services to the Native people and 31 tribes of the Bristol Bay Region of Alaska; and

WHEREAS: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed implementing an administrative policy that all EPA grant applications must be submitted through the grants.gov website; and

WHEREAS: The digital divide is real for many tribal communities and the requirement to submit initial applications through grants.gov does not accommodate applicants that have serious challenges with internet connectivity; and

WHEREAS: Many tribes in the Bristol Bay region do not have internet connections with adequate bandwidth for uploading large documents and, moreover, occasionally experience disrupted internet connections for extended periods of time; and

WHEREAS: If internet access is disrupted many tribes have to wait on the availability of a certified technician to fly to their villages to make repairs; and

WHEREAS: In light of these internet-based challenges the proposed requirement would deny fair and equitable access for many tribes in rural Alaska to secure critical funding sources.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bristol Bay Native Association strongly urges the EPA to allow alternative means of submitting applications so as not to deter or prevent remote rural tribes from applying for EPA grants.



Fred T. Angasan, Chairman

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**Resolution 2014 – 07**

**A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO INCORPORATE “TRIBAL  
TRANSPORTATION UNITY ACT” LANGUAGE AND TO CORRECT TRIBAL  
FUNDING FORMULA PROBLEMS WHEN REAUTHORIZING THE “MAP-21”  
TRANSPORTATION ACT**

WHEREAS: The Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is a regional Alaska Native non-profit corporation and tribal consortium serving 31 tribal communities in the Bristol Bay Region of Alaska; and

WHEREAS: The current national surface transportation act, “MAP-21,” expires at the end of FY 2014 and efforts are currently underway in Congress to develop a reauthorization bill; and

WHEREAS: The “Tribal Transportation Unity Act” is proposed legislative language for tribal transportation programs that was developed at a national tribal meeting in Denver, Colorado in February of 2014 and which in general would increase funding for tribal transportation programs and make administrative improvements in such programs; and

WHEREAS: BBNA representatives actively participated in the negotiation and development of the Tribal Transportation Unity Act; and

WHEREAS: The Tribal Transportation Unity Act language represents a consensus among a broad cross-section of tribes nationally but intentionally did not address funding distribution formula issues; and

WHEREAS: There are elements within MAP-21’s Tribal Transportation Program’s funding formula that are inequitable and indeed irrational; and

WHEREAS: For example, the Tribal Transportation Program’s formula allocates 34% of tribal shares by BIA Region, effectively taking money away from regions with a large number of tribes and giving it to regions with few tribes without regard to the tribes’ relative populations, road systems, land areas or other factors which might demonstrate need, and as a result identically situated tribes receive widely different formula shares based solely on which BIA Region they are in; and

WHEREAS: Although the MAP-21 statutory formula was apparently enacted because of BIA implementation errors in the prior formula, MAP-21 actually keeps and makes

permanent those errors through the "Supplemental Funding" allocation and by freezing the BIA road inventory at the 2012 level; and

WHEREAS: The Tribal Transit Program's funding distribution formula effectively eliminates the participation by small remote tribal transit systems; and

WHEREAS: BBNA believes there is broad support within Indian Country for negotiated rule-making or a similar tribally-driven process for determining the funding distribution for tribal transportation programs, although some large reservation tribes oppose negotiated rule-making as such because of past BIA implementation blunders; and

WHEREAS: The success of the "Tribal Unity Caucus" in developing a consensus legislative package over a three-day meeting shows the success of tribally controlled processes; and

WHEREAS: BBNA believes it is inherent in the federal trust responsibility to Native Americans that the funding distribution formulas for any tribal program should take into account the needs of all tribes in the United States, and that this did not occur at all in MAP-21.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Bristol Bay Native Association Board of Directors that it urges Congress to incorporate the "Tribal Transportation Unity Act" recommendations into the reauthorization of MAP-21; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Bristol Bay Native Association Board of Directors that it urges Congress to require a negotiated rule-making to develop funding distribution formulas for the tribal programs within MAP-21, or alternatively that it devise some other tribally-driven process for providing direct input to Congress in developing need-based formulas.

  
Fred T. Angasan, Chairman

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**RESOLUTION 2014-08**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 47, WHICH WOULD IMPOSE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR BRINGING LAWSUITS FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AGAINST “INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS”**

- WHEREAS: The Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is a tribal consortium and an Alaska Native regional non-profit corporation which provides a variety of educational, social, economic and related services to the Native people and tribes of the Bristol Bay Region of Alaska; and
- WHEREAS: HB 47 is a bill in the Alaska State Legislature that would require litigants seeking restraining orders or preliminary injunctions against an “industrial operation” or challenging the validity of a government permit held by an “industrial operation” to post a bond or other security to protect the industrial operation; and
- WHEREAS: The “industrial operations” protected by the bill are defined as construction, energy, or timber activity and oil, gas and mineral exploration, development, and production; and
- WHEREAS: The bill is totally unnecessary for any legitimate policy purpose because existing civil rules used by the state and federal courts already require security deposits in an appropriate amount as determined by the court, and in any event the judicial standards for issuing restraining orders and preliminary injunction screen out frivolous cases; and
- WHEREAS: The effect of this bill is to make the security deposit mandatory in all cases and thus to substantially increase the cost of even initiating a lawsuit against an “industrial operation” regardless of the strength of the plaintiff’s case or whether the plaintiff is being damaged by the industrial operation (there is no comparable requirement that the “industrial operation” post security); and
- WHEREAS: HB 47 is flagrant attempt to reduce access to the courts by ordinary Alaskans and to stack the decks in favor of big business against individuals.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that it urges the Alaska State Legislature to reject HB 47 and any companion or similar legislation.

  
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Fred T. Angasan, Chairman

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**Resolution 2014 – 09**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SB 161 AND HB 301 IN THE ALASKA STATE  
LEGISLATURE REGARDING MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND DEATH  
CERTIFICATES**

WHEREAS: The Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is a regional Alaska Native non-profit corporation and tribal consortium serving 31 tribal communities in the Bristol Bay Region of Alaska; and

WHEREAS: Each year some rural Alaskan families suffer the unexpected loss of a loved one by accidental death or other circumstances occurring outside of the care of a physician; and

WHEREAS: In such circumstances state law requires notification of the State Medical Examiner (SME) for a determination of jurisdiction and if jurisdiction is accepted typically requires that the remains of the deceased be transferred to the SME in Anchorage for determination of cause of death, after which the remains are returned to the community nearest to the place of death, at state expense; and

WHEREAS: Often the community nearest to the place of death is not actually the decedent's home, and the family must pay for the additional costs of transporting the remains home; and

WHEREAS: The SME will only release remains to the family if the decedent's next of kin signs an Authorization for Release of Remains Form (RAF) and if no RAF form is executed within 10 days the remains are automatically sent to a funeral home; and

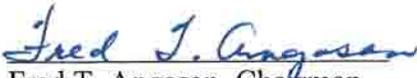
WHEREAS: The RAF form currently in use also implies that the funeral home option is the preferred choice for release, but provides no information about alternatives or of the financial costs of using a funeral home; and

WHEREAS: Funeral home costs can be very high and may include additional transportation costs, death certificate preparation fees, and embalming (required by some commercial carriers), all of which has to be paid by the family; and

WHEREAS: SB 161 and its companion bill HB 301 would make minor changes in state law regarding the autopsy and death certificate process to benefit Alaska families, specifically by:

- Allowing the SME to transport the remains to the decedent's home community (as opposed to the place of death);
- Requiring the use of existing technologies available at rural health facilities to determine if the remains actually need to be transported to Anchorage;
- Requiring the state, through the RAF, to provide better written communication to enable families to make informed decisions and understand potential costs;
- Making other improvements in the handling and transportation of remains.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that it strongly supports SB 161 and HB 301.

  
Fred T. Angasan, Chairman

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**Resolution 2014 – 10**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SJR 21 AND HJR 33, A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE ALASKA JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

- WHEREAS: The Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is a regional Alaska Native non-profit corporation and tribal consortium serving 31 tribal communities in the Bristol Bay Region of Alaska; and
- WHEREAS: The Alaska Judicial Council (AJC) is an independent citizens' commission established by the Alaska Constitution to screen applicants for judicial vacancies, nominate the most qualified applicants for appointment by the governor, evaluate the performance of sitting judges, recommend to voters whether judges should be retained, and conduct research related to the administration of justice in Alaska; and
- WHEREAS: The Alaska Constitution provides that the AJC shall have seven members, including three attorneys appointed by the Alaska Bar Association, three non-attorneys appointed by the governor and confirmed by the legislature, and the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, who acts as the chairperson; and
- WHEREAS: Through the AJC process the Alaska Constitution created a merit-based system for appointing judges while retaining accountability to the voters, and this Alaska system is widely considered to be one of the best state judicial selection processes in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: SJR 21 and HJR 33 in their current form would amend the constitution to double the number of governor appointees on the AJC to six, thus giving the governor's appointees complete numerical control over the AJC; and
- WHEREAS: The constitutional amendment proposed by SJR 21 and HJR 33 would turn Alaska's merit-based system for selecting judges into a partisan political process controlled by the governor and in the long term would inevitably diminish the quality and fairness of the state judiciary; and
- WHEREAS: SJR 21 and HJR 33 does not address any identified problem with the quality of the Alaska judiciary or the existing system for selecting judges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that it opposes SJR 21 and HJR 33 and any similar attempt to amend the constitution to change the balance of power on the Alaska Judicial Council.

  
Fred T. Angasan, Chairman

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**RESOLUTION 2014-11**

**A RESOLUTION CONTINUING TO OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 77 RELATING TO THE ALASKA LANDS ACT**

WHEREAS: the Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is an Alaska native regional non-profit corporation and a consortium of the 31 federally recognized tribes of Bristol Bay; and

WHEREAS: the BBNA Natural Resources Department is dedicated to protecting, maintaining and preserving the land, ecosystems and natural resources of Bristol Bay; while empowering our Tribes to enhance their subsistence, cultural and economic opportunities as described in the Bristol Bay Vision; and

WHEREAS: the BBNA Full Board of authorized resolutions opposing House Bill 77 on March 22, 2013 and September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013; and

WHEREAS: these resolutions have been submitted to the 28<sup>th</sup> Alaska Legislature as part of the public record on HB 77; and

WHEREAS: recent revisions to House Bill 77 do provide some clarifying language to the bill's original version but these changes do not address our original concerns outlined in Resolutions 2013-04 or 2013-05; and

WHEREAS: the language of House Bill 77 continues to provide unreasonable unilateral authority to the Department of Natural Resources and continues to remove Alaskans from the public processes for managing land, water and natural resources in Alaska.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that it continues to oppose House Bill 77 in its current form and will not support any future versions of the bill that continue to provide unprecedented authority to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources while failing to provide for meaningful public participation in Alaska's natural resources management.

  
Fred T. Angasan, Chairman of the Board

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Bristol Bay Native Association, do hereby certify that the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association passed the foregoing resolution at a duly called and noticed meeting on this 21st day of March, 2014, and that a quorum was present.

  
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Robert Heyano, Secretary

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**By the Full Board of Directors**

**Resolution 2014-12**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMENDING AND PASSING S. 1474,  
THE ALASKA SAFE FAMILIES AND VILLAGES ACT, INCLUDING  
STRONG TRIBAL JURISDICTIONAL PROVISIONS**

- WHEREAS: The Bristol Bay Native Association is a regional Alaska Native non-profit corporation and a consortium of the 31 federally recognized tribes in the Bristol Bay Region; and
- WHEREAS: For many years BBNA, the Alaska Federation of Natives, and many other tribes and tribal organizations have requested Congress to legislatively clarify and enhance tribal civil jurisdiction in Alaska, including tribal court authority and law enforcement, and particularly in the subject matter areas of domestic violence, child abuse, juvenile matters, and alcohol and drug offenses; and
- WHEREAS: The gaps in effective village-level intervention in such matters is well known, but is often misunderstood as exclusively a law enforcement problem without recognition that there is an even greater gap in court or adjudicatory functions; and
- WHEREAS: The Bristol Bay Region, for example, is the size of Ohio and has 31 scattered communities, but has only two state courts: a Superior Court with judge and magistrate in Dillingham, and a magistrate court in Naknek, and it has no juvenile holding facility at all; and
- WHEREAS: Alaska does not have justice of the peace courts like many states, and has no municipal courts in rural areas; and
- WHEREAS: Although Alaska's tribes retain membership-based jurisdiction for some purposes, in the absence of territorial "Indian Country" jurisdiction the extent of tribal authority is an unsettled area of law and subject to widely varying opinions; and
- WHEREAS: While local state district attorneys, social workers, juvenile officers, and judges have supported the efforts of tribes to exercise judicial authority and in some instances are eager to transfer particular cases to the tribes, the state Administration and Attorney General's office under the current

and prior two governors have taken the narrowest possible interpretation of tribal authority and have unfortunately and erroneously treated jurisdiction as a zero sum game, where any exercise of inherent tribal authority is somehow a “loss” for the state; and

WHEREAS: Tribal courts (including tribal councils sitting as courts) have been functioning in many villages across Alaska for years and some have robust court processes, but in many villages this activity is limited to Indian Child Welfare Act matters and adoptions because those are the areas where tribal authority is clearest; and

WHEREAS: Tribes and tribal organizations are already major service providers in rural Alaska; they have more social service workers in the field than the state, and they should be encouraged and supported in their efforts to use tribal authority to address social problems at home; and

WHEREAS: In general, the goals and interests of the tribes in developing tribal courts and law enforcement are to protect the community, but also to use culturally-appropriate, non-adversarial methods involving restorative justice, community service, mentoring, and wellness activities to address minor offenses or problems before they escalate, and to keep tribal members out of the state criminal justice system altogether; and

WHEREAS: In the long run BBNA believes that tribal courts and culturally based models of justice will be a more effective and less costly than the exclusive reliance on the state law enforcement and justice systems that exists in most parts of rural Alaska today; and

WHEREAS: Experience has shown over the last 20 years or more, that tribes have been the most successful and most likely to develop services in fields where they have clear authority to act, such as the Indian Child Welfare Act; and

WHEREAS: The recent bipartisan report “Roadmap to Making Native America Safer” by the Indian Law and Order Commission (November 2013) strongly confirmed that enhancing tribal jurisdiction would be the right approach for addressing social problems in rural Alaska, and recommended the strengthening of tribal governments and that Congress create a jurisdictional framework to expand the authority of tribal governments in Alaska; and

WHEREAS: Senators Mark Begich and Lisa Murkowski introduced legislation in the current Congress, S. 1474, the Alaska Safe Families and Villages Act, which touches on tribal courts but is essentially limited to authorizing deferred prosecution agreements between the state and tribes, completely at the discretion of the state and the defendants; and

WHEREAS: A tribal working group representing BBNA and other regional non-profit organizations in Alaska and acting under AFN auspices has developed amendment language, modeled on prior versions of the Alaska Safe Families and Villages Act, that would clearly confirm tribal civil jurisdiction over alcohol and drug cases, domestic violence, and child abuse and neglect, and Senator Begich has agreed to introduce these or similar amendments when S. 1474 is marked up in the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that BBNA strongly supports tribal jurisdictional amendments to S. 1474 that would clearly confirm tribal authority to handle alcohol and drug cases, domestic violence, and child abuse and neglect in the village; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BBNA urges Senator Murkowski to support such amendments and to help secure passage of an amended S. 1474 with tribal jurisdictional language; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BBNA urges Congressman Don Young to introduce companion legislation confirming tribal jurisdiction in the House of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Alaska is urged to recognize tribal institutions as partners in addressing social problems in rural Alaska and to stop opposing tribal jurisdiction in Alaska.

  
Fred T. Angasan, Chairman

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**RESOLUTION 2014-13**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO RELAX ENFORCEMENT  
OF THE REGULATION AGAINST "CHUMMING" AGAINST SUBSISTENCE USERS**

WHEREAS: the Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is an Alaska Native regional non-profit corporation and a consortium of the 31 federally recognized tribes of Bristol Bay; and

WHEREAS: Alaska Native residents are heavily dependent on the subsistence use of fish and game resources and much subsistence activity is undertaken in a traditional manner; and

WHEREAS: current fish regulations within the Bristol Bay region prohibit "chumming" or applying bait to the water in areas of Bristol Bay that are closed to bait fishing; and

WHEREAS: it has come to the attention of the BBNA Board of Directors that some of our tribal members from the Nondalton and Iliamna area have been threatened with citation for chumming merely for disposing fish waste in the water; and

WHEREAS: these individuals were not actually fishing or knowingly violating any regulations but were merely following a traditional practice of disposing fish waste to avoid attracting bears;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that it urges the State of Alaska to change the regulations to exempt subsistence users from the anti-chumming prohibition within Bristol Bay Region waters.

  
Fred T. Angasan, Chairman of the Board

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**RESOLUTION 2014-14**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF FISHERIES TO LIMIT SPORT FISHING  
ON THE ILIAMNA RIVER TO CATCH AND RELEASE**

WHEREAS: the Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is an Alaska Native regional non-profit corporation and a consortium of the 31 federally recognized tribes of Bristol Bay; and

WHEREAS: Alaska Native residents are heavily dependent on the subsistence use of fish and game resources; and

WHEREAS: it has come to the attention of the BBNA Board of Directors that fresh water fish species on the Iliamna River have become depleted and are of small size due to over exploitation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that it supports limiting sport fishing on the Iliamna River to catch and release and urges the Alaska Board of Fisheries to adopt such a regulation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BBNA urges the Alaska Department of Fish & Game conduct a study of the size and abundance of fish in the Iliamna River.

  
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Fred T. Angasan, Chairman of the Board

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**RESOLUTION 2014-15**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REAUTHORIZATION OF NAHASDA**

WHEREAS: the Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is an Alaska Native regional non-profit corporation and a consortium of the 31 federally recognized tribes of Bristol Bay; and

WHEREAS: Indian housing programs funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development through NAHASDA, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act, are a critical safety net for Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS: NAHASDA was first enacted in 1996 and has since been amended and reauthorized, but expired at the end of FY 2013; and

WHEREAS: Reauthorizing legislation is pending in the Senate, S. 1352, which has passed the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, and in the House, H.R. 3418, and neither bill has yet gone to the floor; and

WHEREAS: The NAHASDA reauthorization should be non-partisan and non-controversial.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that it urges Congress to promptly pass the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act, in the current Congress.

  
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Fred T. Angasan, Chairman of the Board

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**RESOLUTION 2014-16**

**A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRIBAL PRIORITY ALLOCATION PROGRAMS INCLUDING SMALL AND NEEDY TRIBE FUNDING WITHIN THE DOI BUDGET**

WHEREAS: the Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is an Alaska Native regional non-profit corporation and a consortium of the 31 federally recognized tribes of Bristol Bay; and

WHEREAS: BBNA's single largest funding source is its compact of self-governance for Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) programs, which is primarily made up of Tribal Priority Allocation (TPA) funding within the Operation of Indian Programs part of the Department of the Interior appropriations; and

WHEREAS: A key component of TPA is the Small and Needy Tribes (SNT) funding which was intended to bring each tribe up to a minimum base amount of TPA funding and provides the core administrative base for many tribal governments in Alaska; and

WHEREAS: In the Bristol Bay Region, SNT funding goes directly to the tribes either through pass-through funding from the BBNA compact or through direct contracts with the BIA; and

WHEREAS: Programs within the TPA part of the budget have never been singled out for an increase and in general have been frozen at levels from 1990s, and the SNT funding has never increased since a base amount of TPA of \$160,000 per tribe was established; and

WHEREAS: Tribal/BIA appropriations have lagged behind other DOI agencies; and

WHEREAS: Although the sequestration cuts of FY 2013 have been restored, in reality tribal funding has not kept up with inflation since the 1990s and tribes and tribal organizations in Alaska are increasingly squeezed by rising costs for fuel, electricity, transportation, telecommunication, and employee health care;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that it urges Congress to substantially increase appropriations for TPA programs and particularly for the Small and Needy Tribes program.

  
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Fred T. Angasan, Chairman of the Board

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**RESOLUTION 2014-17**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS: the Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is an Alaska Native regional non-profit corporation and a consortium of the 31 federally recognized tribes of Bristol Bay; and

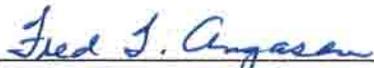
WHEREAS: commercial fishing is the economic mainstay of the Bristol Bay region including the Chignik subregion; and

WHEREAS: virtually all Bristol Bay and Chignik area residents are dependent on subsistence or commercial fishing to a greater or lesser degree; and

WHEREAS: it is increasingly apparent that not enough resources are being brought to bear to protect the fisheries, particularly in light of the impacts of climate change, changing weather patterns, increasing exploitation of Bering Sea fisheries, and other factors; and

WHEREAS: current ADF&G resources are barely adequate to manage the Bristol Bay and Chignik sockeye salmon fisheries and there is essentially no management for king salmon and other important species in Bristol Bay or the Chignik subregion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that it urges the Alaska State Legislature to substantially increase funding for commercial and subsistence fisheries management in the Bristol Bay and Chignik fisheries.

  
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Fred T. Angasan, Chairman of the Board

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**RESOLUTION 2014-18**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE TO STOP THE PRACTICE OF ADF&G ENGAGING IN COMMERCIAL FISHING**

WHEREAS: the Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is an Alaska Native regional non-profit corporation and a consortium of the 31 federally recognized tribes of Bristol Bay; and

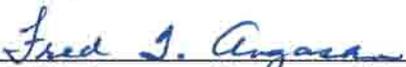
WHEREAS: commercial fishing is the economic mainstay of the Bristol Bay region including the Chignik subregion; and

WHEREAS: in recent years the Alaska State Legislature has allowed the Alaska Department of Fish & Game to engage in commercial fishing to offset some of its operating costs; and

WHEREAS: this practice has been called a "test fishery" in the Chignik and Bristol Bay management areas, but in both instances it is an abusive practice which puts the state in competition with private commercial fishermen; and

WHEREAS: the Alaska legislature has the responsibility of appropriating sufficient funds to manage the state's resources and is a very poor policy choice to put ADF&G's commercial fisheries division in competition with its primary stakeholders;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that it urges the Alaska State Legislature to end the practice of ADF&G supplementing its budget through commercial fishing.

  
Fred T. Angasan, Chairman of the Board

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**RESOLUTION 2014-19**

**A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TO PROVIDE MORE FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT'S FISHERIES RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS: the Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is an Alaska Native regional non-profit corporation and a consortium of the 31 federally recognized tribes of Bristol Bay; and

WHEREAS: the commercial and subsistence fisheries are the economic mainstay of the Bristol Bay region and virtually all Bristol Bay residents are dependent on subsistence or commercial fishing to a greater or lesser degree; and

WHEREAS: it is increasingly apparent that not enough resources are being brought to bear to protect the fisheries, particularly in light of the impacts of climate change, changing weather patterns, increasing exploitation of Bering Sea fisheries, and other factors; and

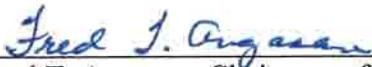
WHEREAS: there are many areas in which there are huge gaps in baseline data and essential scientific knowledge regarding the species our people rely upon; and

WHEREAS: the federal Office of Subsistence Management ("OSM") within the Department of the Interior funds a research grant program called the Federal Resources Monitoring Program, and another "partners" fisheries grant program that funds fisheries biologists or researchers at tribal organizations; and

WHEREAS: a big advantage of the OSM grant programs is that Native participation in research is essentially built into the grants from the bottom up, which has resulted in healthy partnership relationships at the local level between Native organizations and staff at the federal land management agencies and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game; and

WHEREAS: the OSM grant programs are not nearly enough to meet the need for fisheries research in rural Alaska;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that it urges Congress and the Department of the Interior to substantially increase funding for scientific research funding through the Office of Subsistence Management grants programs, particularly the Fisheries Partners program.

  
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**RESOLUTION 2014-20**

**A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO CREATE AND FUND AN ALASKA  
NATIVE REGIONAL SUBSISTENCE RESEARCH AND CO-MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM**

- WHEREAS: the Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) is an Alaska Native regional non-profit corporation and a consortium of the 31 federally recognized tribes of Bristol Bay; and
- WHEREAS: the Bristol Bay Region like most of rural Alaska is heavily dependent upon the subsistence use of fish and game resources; and
- WHEREAS: it is increasingly apparent there is a dire need for more scientific resources to be brought to bear to protect the fish and game species Alaska Natives rely on, particularly in light of climate change, changing weather patterns, increased exploitation of Bering Sea, the diminished polar ice cap, and other factors; and
- WHEREAS: Congress has long promised a vigorous Alaska Native co-management role in regard to fish and game resources through the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, the Marine Mammals Protection Act, the Migratory Bird Treaties, and other legislation, but this promise has largely gone unfulfilled; and
- WHEREAS: BBNA is increasingly frustrated by the lack of resources available to tribes and Alaska Native organizations to effectively participate in subsistence related resource management; and
- WHEREAS: funding for subsistence co-management and subsistence related research is splintered between numerous federal agencies and bureaus, and even marine mammals are split up by species between the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce; and
- WHEREAS: the lack of targeted funds for Alaska Natives, the splintering of funding among various agencies, and the tendency of all the federal agencies to absorb available resources for their own bureaucracy and research efforts has made it extremely difficult for tribal organizations to effectively engage with the federal and state management agencies on subsistence issues, even though we are the primary stakeholder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that it urges Congress to undertake a broad review and restructuring of the way subsistence related research and resource management is done in Alaska; and

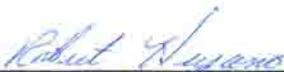
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress is urged to create and fund an Alaska Native Regional Subsistence Resource and Co-Management Program based on existing ANCSA regions to enable Alaska Natives to develop research and co-management programs for all fish and game species in their regions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Native Regional Subsistence Resource and Co-Management Program should consolidate funding from existing related appropriations and should be administered via self-governance compacts under the Indian Self-Determination Act.

  
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**By the Full Board of Directors**

**Resolution 2014-21**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF S. 1622, THE ALYCE SPOTTED BEAR  
AND WALTER SOBOLEFF COMMISSION ON NATIVE CHILDREN ACT**

WHEREAS: The Bristol Bay Native Association is a regional Alaska Native non-profit corporation and a consortium of the 31 federally recognized tribes in the Bristol Bay Region; and

WHEREAS: Senators Heidi Heitcamp and Lisa Murkowski have introduced S. 1622, which would create a bipartisan national commission to study and make findings and recommendations for federal policy on a wide range of programs serving Native children and the federal, state and tribal level; and

WHEREAS: There are more than 2.1 million Native Americans under the age of 24 in the United States, and Native children are the most "at risk" population in the United States, suffering high rates of poverty, substance abuse, suicide and other types of mortality and having relatively low rates of school attendance; and

WHEREAS: The focusing of federal attention on Native American children as intended by S. 1622 is long overdue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association that BBNA strongly supports S. 1622 and urges it be passed in the current Congress.

  
Fred T. Angasan, Chairman

**CERTIFICATION:**

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