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ANB/ANS Grand Camp

Ketchikan, AK October 2018



Resolution 18-13

Title: Support the formation of Traditional Knowledge Bearers

WHEREAS, The scientific community acknowledges the environment is experiencing severe climactic changes throughout this country, and these severe changes are catastrophic in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, The use of Traditional and Traditional Ecological Knowledge are important to scientific research in defining and measuring important socio-cultural and biological changes to our environment; and

WHEREAS, These bearers of Traditional Knowledge provide a foundation and historical footprint of knowledge to enable the integration of scientific information with knowledge and experience of Traditional Knowledge Bearers; and

WHEREAS, This information provides an essential methodology for the learning process of climactic changes and the establishment of a methodology to be applied to the management of natural resources in the Traditional Knowledge Bearers' traditional land, air and water boundaries; and

WHEREAS, This knowledge will provide an invaluable encyclopedia of knowledge for tribes in developing their historical sacred and cultural knowledge;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) and Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS), gathered October 2018 at Grand Camp in Ketchikan, do support the ANB and ANS, Sealaska, and Tlingit and Haida in forming a Traditional Knowledge Bearers' organization to begin the work needed to establish a historic foundation of knowledge and experience on our environment and habitat as it existed before scientific research.

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