



2016 AFN Resolution Follow-up

This summary describes follow-up actions on the resolutions considered and passed by the delegates to the 2016 Annual Convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN). Each resolution is listed numerically, in the same order considered by the delegates, followed by a description of follow-up actions taken.

AFN works on resolutions throughout year. AFN staff works with the sponsors of each resolution on a follow-up plan, resolutions are addressed by the appropriate AFN committees, and communicated out to affect change.

16-1 A RESOLUTION THANKING GOVERNOR BILL WALKER FOR DROPPING THE STATE'S LITIGATION AGAINST "LAND INTO TRUST" IN ALASKA

- Resolution was sent to Governor Walker's office with a letter of appreciation.

16-2 REQUESTING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN CO-MANAGEMENT OF THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER'S SALMON RESOURCES WITH THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION

- Resolution was sent to Governor Walker and Alaska Legislature. Co-Management is a top priority for AFN and resolution and policy paper were created and included in AFN's 2016 State and Federal priorities.
- Increasing and strengthening of Co-Management agreements was raised with Secretary Zinke in May 2017 and September of 2017.
- AFN Board approved the creation of an Alaska Food Security & Emergency Preparedness Task Force to examine full and lasting protections for hunting and fishing resources relied upon by Alaskans for economic and food security. Strengthening Co-Management agreements will be included in the taskforces scope.

16-3 SUPPORT INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF DETERMINATION ACT (NAHASDA)

- Included in our '2017 Federal Issues Packet,' which AFN shared with our Congressional delegation, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and other U.S. Congressional committees of jurisdiction. This included the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and AFN has been coordinating with our Hawaiian counterparts.

16-4 A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING TO ENSURE ACCESS TO CULTURALLY RELEVANT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES FOR PEOPLE AT RISK OF SUICIDE

- Senator Sullivan held a listening session at the request of AFN during the 2016 Annual Convention.
- Included in our '2017 Federal Issues Packet,' which we shared with our Congressional delegation, the Secretary of Health and Human Services via the Department's Tribal Liaison, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and other U.S. Congressional committees of jurisdiction.
- The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 provides additional programs and funding to address the opioid crisis.
- The 21st Century Cures Act, signed into law December 2016, provided an additional \$1 billion over two years directly to states to combat the opioid crisis. The State of Alaska should receive about \$4 million over two years.

16-5 URGING FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF AND FULL FUNDING FOR THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE'S AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO FULLY COMPENSATED LEASES FOR VILLAGE BUILT CLINIC FACILITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 105(i) OF THE INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT

- Resolution and letter urging full implementation was sent to the Alaska Congressional delegation.
- Included in our '2017 Federal Issues Packet,' which AFN shared with our Congressional delegation, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and other U.S. Congressional committees of jurisdiction.

16-6 REQUESTING INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMPLY WITH THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY'S FINAL RULE FOR ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

- Included in our '2017 Federal Issues Packet,' which we shared with our Congressional delegation, the Secretary of Health and Human Services via the Department's Tribal Liaison, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and other U.S. Congressional committees of jurisdiction.

16-7 ADDRESSING FOOD SECURITY TO REDUCE HUNGER ACROSS ALASKA

- Included in our '2017 Federal Issues Packet,' which we shared with our Congressional delegation, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and other U.S. Congressional committees of jurisdiction.
- AFN leadership raised the need for emergency preparedness plans with the Alaska Command at the February 21017 Board Retreat, and September 2017 four-star generals meeting in Fairbanks.
- AFN raised the need for co-management with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke in our June and September 2017 meetings.
- AFN Board approved the creation of an Alaska Food Security & Emergency Preparedness Task Force to examine full and lasting protections for hunting and fishing resources relied upon by Alaskans for economic and food security.

16-8 CALL TO ACTION TO END HOMELESSNESS

- Met with United Way and the Anchorage Mayor's Office, including Mayor Ethan Berkowitz, regarding the 'Anchorage Homelessness Coalition.'
- AFN leadership met with the Covenant House regarding its U.S. Housing and Urban Development Grant to curb youth homeless through new approaches.
- AFN participated a 'Youth Homelessness Leadership Summit; sponsored by the Covenant House.
- AFN joined existing task forces on the subject.

16-9 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RURAL GUARD AND RESERVE ACT OF 2016

- Included in our '2017 State Issues Packet,' which we shared with Senate and House leadership, Bush Caucus, and other committees of jurisdiction; in addition to the Governor's Office.
- Included in our '2017 Federal Issues Packet,' which AFN shared with our Congressional delegation, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and other U.S. Congressional committees of jurisdiction
- Issue was raised with White House Executive Steering Committee as a priority to increase the emergency preparedness in rural Alaska.
- AFN Board approved the creation of an Alaska Food Security & Emergency Preparedness Task Force to examine full and lasting protections for hunting and fishing resources relied upon by Alaskans for economic and food security.

- Included in the task force scope is food security as an important aspect of our national security and to ensure rural Alaskans have adequate resources to endure a natural disaster or national emergency. This includes involving departments such as the Alaska National Guard.

16-10 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXPANDING PRESENCE OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACROSS ALL OF ALASKA

- Included in our '2017 Federal Issues Packet,' which AFN shared with our Congressional delegation, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and other U.S. Congressional committees of jurisdiction
- Issue was raised with White House Executive Steering Committee as a priority to increase the emergency preparedness in rural Alaska.
- Issue was also raised with Secretary Zinke to consider the issue in the White House Council on Native American Affairs to increase emergency preparedness of rural Alaska.
- AFN Board approved the creation of an Alaska Food Security & Emergency Preparedness Task Force to examine full and lasting protections for hunting and fishing resources relied upon by Alaskans for economic and food security.
 - Included in the task force scope is food security as an important aspect of our national security and to ensure rural Alaskans have adequate resources to endure a natural disaster or national emergency. This includes involving departments such as FEMA and the United States Coast Guard.

16-12 RESOLUTION REQUESTING REVIEW OF FOSTER HOME LICENSING BARRIERS

- Included in our '2017 State Issues Packet,' which we shared with Senate and House leadership, Bush Caucus, and other committees of jurisdiction; in addition to the Governor's Office.
- The Office of Children's Services did a pilot study in Bethel to determine who was denied as a foster parent. Results should be released soon.

16-13 RESOLUTION ON WATER & SEWER REFORM

- Included in our '2017 State Issues Packet,' which we shared with Senate and House leadership, Bush Caucus, and other committees of jurisdiction; in addition to the Governor's Office.
- WINN Act of 2016 was passed in December of 2016.

16-14 A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF STATE AND FEDERAL LAW TO REMOVE EMPLOYMENT BARRIERS PREVENTING REHABILITATED INDIVIDUALS FROM WORKING

- Included in our '2017 Federal Issues Packet,' which we shared with our Congressional delegation, the Secretary of Health and Human Services via the Department's Tribal Liaison, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and other U.S. Congressional committees of jurisdiction.
- Included in our '2017 State Issues Packet,' which we shared with Senate and House leadership, Bush Caucus, and other committees of jurisdiction; in addition to the Governor's Office.
- AFN leadership worked with the State to revise its regulations related to barrier crimes at 7 AAC 10.900 – 990 to remove some barriers and make the administrative burden lighter.

16-15 THAT THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE PERMANENTLY REINSTATE THE MONTH OF MARCH AS "SOBRIETY AWARENESS MONTH (SAM)" IN SUPPORT OF ITS DECLARATION OF POLICY UNDER ALASKA STATUTE 47.37.010

- Included in our '2017 State Issues Packet,' which we shared with Senate and House leadership, Bush Caucus, and other committees of jurisdiction; in addition to the Governor's Office.

16-16 REQUESTING THAT THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE DOES NOT FURTHER REDUCE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER (VPSO) BUDGETS

- AFN leadership met with Alaska State Trooper Capt. Merrill on the VPSO budget.
- AFN sent a letter to the Alaska Legislature regarding holding DPS and VPSO budgets harmless.

16-17 REDUCE INEQUITIES IN THE STATE PROVISION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN RURAL ALASKA BY OPPOSING ANY STATE DIMINISHMENT OF EQUAL ACCESS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND FUNDING, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO UNDERFUNDED OR UNFUNDED MANDATES OR INCREASING THE MINIMUM AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP

- Included the repeal of the 1985 appropriations rider to allow the U.S. Bureau of Indian Education to fund rural Alaska schools in our '2017 Federal Issues Packet,' which we

shared with our Congressional delegation, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and other U.S. Congressional committees of jurisdiction.

- AFN raised the need to repeal the rider with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke during our June 2017 meeting.

16-18 REINSTATEMENT OF THE ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT FOR ALASKA TRIBES

- Included in our '2017 State Issues Packet,' which we shared with Senate and House leadership, Bush Caucus, and other committees of jurisdiction; in addition to the Governor's Office.

16-19 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF AN ECONOMIC DISASTER IN GULF OF ALASKA FISHERY DEPENDENT COASTAL COMMUNITIES AND REQUESTING THE UTILIZATION OF THE COMMERCIAL FISHING REVOLVING LOAN FUND (CFRLF) TO ASSIST AFFECTED FISHERMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES IMPACTED BY THE FISHERIES DISASTER

- AFN leadership raised with the Speaker of the House in March 2017 meeting.
- Included in our '2017 State Issues Packet,' which we shared with Senate and House leadership, Bush Caucus, and other committees of jurisdiction; in addition to the Governor's Office.

16-20 REQUESTING THE US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FULFILL ITS COMMITMENT TO ALASKAN TRIBES BY FULLY FUNDING 3 ADDITIONAL ALASKAN POSITIONS WITH THE DOE OFFICE OF INDIAN ENERGY

- Included in our '2017 Federal Issues Packet,' which we shared with Senate and House leadership, Bush Caucus, and other committees of jurisdiction; in addition to the Governor's Office.
- Issue was also raised with Secretary Zinke and the White House to consider the issue in the White House Council on Native American Affairs to discuss with the Department of Energy representatives on the committee.
- AFN hosted a roundtable in Washington, D.C. in September of 2017 to educate the Department of Energy offices on the unique energy needs in Alaska. DOE did hire another employee in 2017 and AFN continues to coordinate with DOE on strengthening its commitment to Alaska.

16-21 TO CREATE A RURAL ALASKA CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE TO MODIFY THE POWER COST EQUALIZATION FUND TO DEVELOP CLEAN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE IN RURAL ALASKA

- Included in our '2017 State Issues Packet,' which we shared with Senate and House leadership, Bush Caucus, and other committees of jurisdiction; in addition to the Governor's Office.

16-22 AFN REQUESTS THE STATE OF ALASKA GOVERNOR'S TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ADDRESS THE EFFECTS OF EROSION OF ALASKA NATIVE LANDS

- AFN sent a letter to Governor Walker's Government Tribal Advisory Council address the resolution and topic.
- Included in our '2017 State Issues Packet,' which AFN shared with Senate and House leadership, Bush Caucus, and other committees of jurisdiction; in addition to the Governor's Office.

16-23 PROTECTING RURAL COMMUNITIES RELIANT ON COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

- Included in our '2017 State Issues Packet,' which we shared with Senate and House leadership, Bush Caucus, and other committees of jurisdiction; in addition to the Governor's Office.

16-24 URGING A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE RURAL ALASKA AIR TRAVEL AND AIR FREIGHT INDUSTRIES WITH A GOAL OF FINDING FEASIBLE SOLUTIONS TO REDUCE AIRFARE/FREIGHT PRICES BY 25-50% AND INCREASE RURAL AIR TRAVEL SAFETY

- Included in our '2017 State Issues Packet,' which we shared with Senate and House leadership, Bush Caucus, and other committees of jurisdiction; in addition to the Governor's Office.

16-25 CALLING ON CONGRESS TO PROVIDE TRIBAL COURT FUNDING FOR TRIBAL NATIONS IN P. L. 280 STATES

- Included in our '2017 Federal Issues Packet,' which AFN shared with our Congressional delegation, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and other U.S. Congressional committees of jurisdiction.
- AFN leadership worked with Senator Murkowski to secure \$10 million for tribal courts in P. L. 280 states.

- AFN raised the need for co-management with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke in our June 2017 meeting.

16-26 RESOLUTION DEMANDING THE STATE OF ALASKA ADEQUATELY COMPENSATE THE FAIRBANKS FOUR FOR THE 18 YEARS THEY WERE UNLAWFULLY IMPRISONED

- Included in our '2017 State Issues Packet,' which we shared with Senate and House leadership, Bush Caucus, and other committees of jurisdiction; in addition to the Governor's Office.

16-27 CALLING FOR THE JUDICIAL REVIEW OF UNEQUITABLE SENTENCING PRACTICES TOWARD ALASKA NATIVE DEFENDANTS AND FOR STATE ACTION TO GUARANTEE ALASKA NATIVE PEOPLE RECEIVE EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF DEFENSE COUNSEL

- Included in our '2017 State Issues Packet,' which we shared with Senate and House leadership, Bush Caucus, and other committees of jurisdiction; in addition to the Governor's Office.
- AFN leadership has been coordinating with the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission, Alaska ACLU, and Alaska Bar Association on this issue.
- AFN helped the Alaska ACLU secure a grant for a Yale student to review this issue.

16-28 OPPOSITION TO IMPLEMENTATION OF A QUOTA ON CHUKCHI SEA POLAR BEARS

- Included in our '2017 Federal Issues Packet,' which AFN shared with our Congressional delegation, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and other U.S. Congressional committees of jurisdiction.
- Letter was sent to the White House Arctic Executive Steering Committee and our Alaska Congressional Delegation.

16-29 SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A TRANSFORMATIVE TRUTH & RECONCILIATION PROCESS THAT IS BUILT UPON THE VALUE OF HEALING AND ADDRESSES THE ISSUES OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (INCLUSIVE OF OUR POLITICAL STATUS AND OUR RACIAL STATUS) AND PEOPLES OF COLOR THEREBY ADVANCING RACIAL EQUITY FOR ALL

- AFN is collaborating with First Alaskans Institute to help advance this work through their grant.

16-30 IN SUPPORT OF USE AND SALES OF WALRUS IVORY IN TOOLS, ARTS AND CRAFTS

- AFN leadership worked with Senator Sullivan to hold an official Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife field hearing on the topic at AFN's 2016 Annual Convention.
- Included in our '2017 Federal Issues Packet,' which AFN shared with our Congressional delegation, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and other U.S. Congressional committees of jurisdiction.
- In May 2017, the U.S. Department of Interior's Indian Arts and Crafts Board, in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Eskimo Walrus Commission, Alaska State Council on the Arts, released a brochure to educate the public on Alaska Native Ivory.

16-31 EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE STATE OF ALASKA AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR ADVANCING ARCTIC POLICY INITIATIVES AND URGING THE CONTINUED FOCUS ON THE ARCTIC

- Included in our '2017 Federal Issues Packet,' which AFN shared with our Congressional delegation, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and other U.S. Congressional committees of jurisdiction.
- Included in our '2017 State Issues Packet,' which we shared with Senate and House leadership, Bush Caucus, and other committees of jurisdiction; in addition to the Governor's Office.
- AFN leadership also meet with the White House Arctic Executive Steering Committee in 2017 on this issue and the issue was also raised with Secretary Zinke to have a continued Arctic focus in his priorities.