



Healy Lake Village Council

We are the Mendas Cha-ag People.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-0326

Healy Lake Village Council Resolution in Support of Olivia Henaayee Irwin's Appointment to the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries

WHEREAS: Healy Lake Village is a duly constituted and Federally Recognized Sovereign Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the authority of the Acts of Congress of June 18, 1934 (49 Stat. 908) as amended by the Acts of June 25th and July 1, 1947; and

WHEREAS: The Healy Lake Village Council is the Tribal Governing Body for the Healy Lake Village; and

WHEREAS: Healy Lake Village Council is dedicated to the protection, preservation, and stewardship of the lands, waters, and resources within our traditional territory; and

WHEREAS: the sustainability of Alaska's fisheries is vital to the cultural, economic, and subsistence practices of Alaska Native peoples, including the people of Healy Lake Village, who have maintained a deep connection to fisheries ecosystems since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS: Olivia Henaayee Irwin is a dedicated advocate for sustainable fisheries management, traditional ecological knowledge, and Indigenous representation in state resource management policies; and

WHEREAS: Healy Lake Village Council recognizes Olivia Henaayee Irwin's expertise in fisheries conservation, subsistence rights, and the importance of maintaining a balanced ecosystem that ensures the continued availability of fish and marine resources for future generations; and

WHEREAS: Alaska Native voices and perspectives have historically been underrepresented in the decision-making processes that affect our traditional lands and waters, and the appointment of Olivia Henaayee Irwin to the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries would enhance the inclusion of Indigenous knowledge and values in fisheries management; and

WHEREAS: the Alaska Board of Fisheries plays a critical role in shaping policies that impact subsistence, commercial, and sport fisheries, and Indigenous leadership and perspectives must be represented in these discussions to promote fair and sustainable fisheries management; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Healy Lake Village Council formally supports and endorses the appointment of Olivia Henaayee Irwin to the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Healy Lake Village Council urges the Governor of the State of Alaska and the Alaska State Legislature to confirm her appointment, recognizing her commitment to fisheries conservation, Indigenous subsistence rights, and responsible resource management; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Governor of Alaska, members of the Alaska State Legislature, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and other relevant agencies and organizations to advocate for the confirmation of Olivia Henaayee Irwin to the Board of Fisheries.

CERTIFICATION: The Healy Lake Village Council adopted this resolution numbered 2025-0326 during a meeting held on this day March 26th 2025 at the Healy Lake Village Council office in Fairbanks, Alaska with a quorum present.

For: 3 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Passed? Yes Present: 3 Absent: 2

Evelynn Combs
Healy Lake Village Council Member Signature

3.26.25
Date

Evelynn Combs
Healy Lake Village Council Member Printed Name