

**JOINT RESOLUTION**  
**City of Aleknagik**  
**Aleknagik Traditional Council**

**RESOLUTION 23-02**

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCILS OF THE CITY OF ALEKNAGIK AND  
ALEKNAGIK TRADITIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING NAMING THE ALEKNAGIK  
WOOD RIVER BRIDGE IN MEMORY OF RAYMOND AND ESTHER CONQUEST  
ELDERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF ALEKNAGIK FOR THEIR LONG-STANDING  
SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY FOR A BRIDGE IN ALEKNAGIK**

**WHEREAS**, Aleknagik Traditional Council and the City of Aleknagik executed a Memorandum of Understanding on October 29, 2000 to recognize areas of mutual concern to support, and to establish a framework for cooperative relations and communication for the benefit of the community of Aleknagik as a whole, and it is the desire of the two entities to cooperate concerning legal and political matters inherent in a government to government relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Councils of the City of Aleknagik (City), and Aleknagik Traditional Council (Tribe) wishes to recognize in memory Elders Raymond and Esther Conquest for their advocacy and support for the construction of the Aleknagik Wood River Bridge in the community of Aleknagik; and

**WHEREAS**, Raymond and Esther Conquest's vision became a reality in October 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Raymond and Esther showed their kindness and generosity before the bridge was built and after by transporting many people in need whether emergency to preserve life or general quality of life provisions from Aleknagik to Dillingham or Dillingham to Aleknagik by boat and truck; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Tribe of Aleknagik wishes to honor their elders by naming the bridge to immortalize these extraordinary Yup'ik elders who endured many hardships as inspirations to present and future Aleknagik residents; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City and Tribe of Aleknagik, Alaska, does hereby support naming the Aleknagik Wood River Bridge in Memoriam of Raymond and Esther Conquest; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City and Tribe of Aleknagik, Alaska will present this to Alaska State Senator Lyman Hoffman upon its passage to submit on our behalf to the Alaska State Legislature as an encouragement for its action in forever naming the Aleknagik Wood River Bridge after Raymond and Esther Conquest.

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 22nd day of March 2023 by a duly constituted quorum, of the Councils of the City of Aleknagik and Aleknagik Traditional Council.**

**SIGNED:**

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**Gusty Ilutsik, Jr., Aleknagik Traditional Council President (Tribe)**

**ATTEST:**

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**Randy Tinker, Aleknagik Traditional Council, Acting Secretary (Tribe)**

**SIGNED:**

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**Bruce Ilutsik, City of Aleknagik, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Amber Webb, City of Aleknagik, Secretary/Treasurer**