

**NATIVE VILLAGE OF RUBY
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Resolution No. 2025-08

**A Resolution in Support of Olivia Henaayee Irwin's Appointment to the State of Alaska
Board of Fisheries**

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Ruby is a federally recognized sovereign Tribal government 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 Native Village of Ruby, 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, the Native Village of Ruby 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 it is essential that Indigenous leadership and perspectives are represented in these discussions to promote fair and sustainable fisheries management; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Native Village of Ruby 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

This resolution was duly passed by the Native Village of Ruby on this 24th of March day, 2025, at a duly called meeting with a quorum present and voting.

Signed:



for Stewart Cleaver
Chief



Katherine Dozette
Tribal Secretary