



TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE
Executive Board of Directors
Resolution No. 2014 - 01

VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER FIREARMS LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) represents the 42 federally recognized tribes of the interior region; and

WHEREAS, TCC serves our tribes through the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) Program; and,

WHEREAS, TCC employs VPSOs who respond to some of the most dangerous and violent situations in Alaska, are on call 24 hours a day in remote villages without backup and are the "First Responders of the Last Frontier"; and,

WHEREAS, We recognize that our VPSOs are providing a valued and growing public safety need with emergency response to the increasing level of violent crime in the state, with a steady increase of assaults on officers and the risks associated with the VPSO mission; and

WHEREAS, TCC supports our officer's safety and the evolution of the VPSO program to better to serve the public's safety needs of our State, communities, employees and families; and

WHEREAS, TCC supports increasing the safety of VPSOs and commends the State of Alaska for recognizing the need for improved safety measures through legislation to arm VPSOs for their safety and the safety of our communities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED TCC urges the State of Alaska, Department of Public Safety to advance public safety services through increased VPSO standards by requiring all armed VPSOs meet a physical and mental fitness standard pre-hire through a standardized screening process and receive a high level of training to best serve all Alaskans.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Executive Board of Directors on 2/7, 2014 at Fairbanks Alaska and a quorum was duly established.



Pat McCarty, Secretary/Treasurer

