

DOYON, LIMITED

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2014-20

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR SMOKEFREE ALASKA

WHEREAS, Alaska Natives have the highest rate of tobacco use in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of disease and death in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution and that breathing secondhand smoke is a cause of disease in healthy nonsmokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease and lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 U.S. Surgeon General's Report, "How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease," determined that even occasional exposure to secondhand smoke is harmful; and

WHEREAS, approximately half of Alaska's population is not protected by a smokefree workplace law; and

WHEREAS, smokefree workplace laws protect people from secondhand smoke, reduce tobacco use overall and reduce health care costs; and

WHEREAS, all Alaskans have the right to breathe smokefree air; and

WHEREAS, smokefree workplaces enhance the mission of Doyon, Limited, to promote the economic and social well-being of its shareholders; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Doyon, Limited wishes to support the passage of a comprehensive, smoke-free indoor workplaces law by the Alaska State Legislature.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Doyon, Limited supports the passage of a comprehensive, smoke-free indoor workplace law by the State of Alaska to protect all Alaskans from the dangers of secondhand smoke.

ADOPTED and DATED this 22nd day of February 2014 at Fairbanks, Alaska.



Michael Fleagle, Secretary
Doyon, Limited