



ANB – ANS GRAND CAMP
SITKA, ALASKA – OCTOBER 2012

Resolution # 24

Title: “REQUESTING THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE TO FUND A STUDY TO DETERMINE IF THERE EXISTS AN INEQUITY IN DETAINMENT, SENTENCING, TIME IN JAIL, AND PROBATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MINORITY GROUPS IN ALASKA AND TO RECOMMEND SOLUTIONS”

WHEREAS, The Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood Grand Camp is a fraternal organization organized in the year 1912. It is dedicated to the advocacy of civil rights, health, education, welfare, employment, economic justice and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Alaska has the 11th fastest growing prison population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Natives make up about 18 percent of the state’s population, while they constitute approximately 36 percent of all prisoners in State custody; and

WHEREAS, the cost for incarceration for each inmate is approximately \$49,800 per year (or \$136 per day), and the benefits to society of having an individual employed and participating in the community instead of being incarcerated are substantial

RESOLVED, That the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in October 2012, the Centennial Year of the ANB, support and endorse the efforts of the State Legislature to fund a study to determine if there exists an inequity in detainment, sentencing, time in jail, and probation requirements for minority groups in Alaska, and for those inequities that exist, that the reason for those inequities be determined and recommended solutions be presented.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution will be distributed by U.S. mail or email to the Alaska State Legislature and the Governor of Alaska.

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