



MANIILAQ
ASSOCIATION

Resolution 17-33

Supporting the Reauthorization of the Technical Vocational Education Program by the Alaska State Legislature and Governor Walker

WHEREAS, Maniilaq Association is an Alaska Native regional non-profit organization serving twelve tribes of Northwest Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Maniilaq Association is also a tribal organization, as defined in Section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), 25 U.S.C. § 450b(f), of the Alaska Natives in the Northwest Arctic Borough and Pt. Hope, and has been recognized as such by the Indian Health Service (IHS) for the purposes of contracting/compacting under the ISDEAA; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Vocational Education Program administered by the Alaska Department of Labor expires at the end of June 2017 and requires the Alaska Legislature and Governor Walker to reauthorize the existence of the program; and

WHEREAS, Alaska currently has the highest unemployment rate in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Vocational Education Program is funded through a percentage of the Unemployment Insurance contributed by all employed Alaskans and not funded by the State General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Technical Center is recognized by the State of Alaska as a statewide post-secondary training center eligible for Technical Vocational Education Program funding; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Technical Center receives and utilizes the Technical Vocational Education Program; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Technical Center provides a wide range of vocational training programs, and workforce development skills; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Technical Center has prepared many Alaska residents for high paying jobs in the local and statewide economy since its inception in 1981.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Maniilaq Board of Directors supports the reauthorization of the Technical Vocational Education Program by the Alaska Legislature and Governor Walker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President/CEO is authorized to take such further action as is required to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

Passed and adopted at a duly convened meeting of the Maniilaq Board of Directors held March 31, 2017, by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstaining.

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John Lincoln, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Jonetta Horner, Corporate Secretary