



## House Bill 221- An Act Providing for State Recognition of Federally Recognized Tribes

## Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood Statement

We, the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood support House Bill 221, in that it will provide the long overdue recognition for Alaska Native Tribes in the State of Alaska.

The Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp is the oldest known indigenous persons' civil rights organization in the world.

Our mission is to better the lives of Native people and their families; to continue the fight for civil rights and land rights of all Native people; to share the cultural knowledge, wisdom, and artistic beauty of Native Tribal Societies and strive for a spirit of Brotherhood and Sisterhood among all people!

HB 221 aligns with our mission in that it will require the State of Alaska to recognize the Federally Recognized Tribes of Alaska, therefore recognizing that the Indigenous People of Alaska have their own governments, and will no longer have their existence denied by the State of Alaska.

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