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Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee

State Capitol

Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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February 13, 1995

The Honorable Drue Pearce
President of the Senate
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182


Dear Madam President:

The Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee reviewed the following with regard to confirmation of the Governor's appointment:

Mike Irwin, Commissioner Designee
Department of Community and Regional Affairs

There were no stated objections to the confirmation of the named individual by committee members. This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against him during any further sessions.

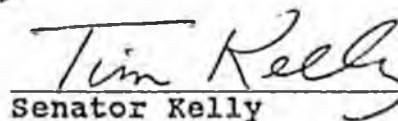
Respectfully,



Senator Torgerson, Chair

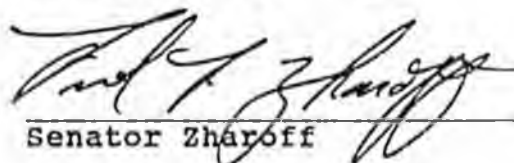


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February 9, 1995

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Senator Torgerson, Chair
Community and Regional Affairs Committee

FROM: Nancy Quinto *NQ*
Secretary of the Senate

SUBJECT: Governor's Confirmations

President Pearce has referred the following names (no resumes attached) for legislative confirmation to your committee for a hearing, recommendation and report:

Department of Community and Regional Affairs
Commissioner designee Mike Irwin

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Adjutant General designee Jake Lestenkof

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MICHAEL D. IRWIN
3450 Amber Bay Loop
Anchorage, Alaska 99515

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

July 1994 - Present Contract employee with: 1) Alaska Federation of Natives (contract ended 11/8/94) on annual convention and Native voter drive programs; and 2) State of Alaska (initial contract to expire in mid-January, 1995) regarding flood-related issues for the flooded villages of Allakaket, Alatna and Hughes.

May 1992 - June 1994 Alaska Natives Commission, Anchorage, Alaska. Served as Executive Director of this two-year special Congressional commission charged with assessing the current social and economic status of Alaska Natives and the federal and state programs that affect them. Arranged and oversaw roughly 20 regional and task force hearings around the state; lead research on topics including rural economic development, Native health, Native education, tribal governance, and subsistence, among others; administered a \$1.4 million budget and directed five staff members and six contract employees. Wrote major portions, and edited all sections, of the nearly 500-page, three volume "Final Report of the Alaska Natives Commission" (published May 1994).

June 1991 - May 1992 Sealaska Corporation, Juneau, Alaska, director of corporate communications, serving as company spokesperson to the statewide press during a time of particularly acute shareholder discontent (e.g. two failed board recall elections, an attempted corporate takeover by Klukwan Inc.); oversaw writing and publication of the company's monthly newsletter and annual report; performed research and analysis on issues such as "1991" options and subsistence; prepared educational materials for shareholders and acted as one of three principal in-house shareholder relations specialists; and provided general departmental management including oversight of three distinct budgets of over \$400,000. I left this position in order to take on the challenges of running the newly formed Alaska Natives Commission.

October 1988 - November 1990 State of Alaska, Office of the Governor, Juneau, Alaska. Served as special assistant within the Office of the Governor with special emphasis in rural and Alaska Native affairs. In addition, was the Governor's liaison to the following state agencies: Dept. of Education, Dept. of Community and Regional Affairs, Dept. of Law, Dept. of Military and Veteran's Affairs, and the University of Alaska. Principal area of focus was acting as the Governor's chief policy advisor on rural and Native affairs, and on issues related to the departments for which I was liaison. In

those roles, related the Governor's objectives to the departments and constituencies and kept the Governor advised on implementation of those policy directives.

June 1987 - September 1988 Self-employed business consultant with Scalaska Corporation in Juneau and Seattle, and Doyon Limited in Fairbanks. Contracts with both corporations involved mainly shareholder information and public relations work with special emphasis on shareholder education projects related to the "1991" legislation and issues. Extensive travel involved, especially to communities in southeast Alaska. Research, development of policy directives, and public presentations of the 1991 issues and options were key components of this contractual work.

February 1983 - May 1987 Doyon Limited, Fairbanks, Alaska. During the first half of tenure at Doyon, was assistant vice president of shareholder and corporate relations with duties including all aspects of shareholder relations, public relations, and development of shareholder talent within the company and its subsidiaries. During final two years with Doyon, was one of two board appointed vice presidents. Duties expanded to include day-to-day involvement in setting and implementing corporate policies at most levels. During the entire four and one-half years of employment with Doyon, was the corporation's lead on most matters having to do with corporate policy concerning the rural constituency in this 42-village region. Extensive travel to the rural communities as a spokesperson for Doyon was a major aspect of this job.

June 1982 - February 1983 Tanana Chiefs Conference Inc., Fairbanks, Alaska. For eight months was employed as the director of education services for one of the state's largest Native nonprofit corporations. Was responsible for administering all components of TCC's public and private scholarship programs and one of its major training programs. Supervised six employees and managed a budget totalling approximately \$2.5 million. Left this position in order to accept employment with Doyon.

September 1980 - May 1982 Tlingit and Haida Central Council, Juneau, Alaska. Worked as assistant to the director of policy planning, Office of the President (Sept. 1980 - Aug. 1981) and as tribal operations officer (Aug. 1981 - May 1982). Worked within the Office of the President involved chiefly in the area of assembling, negotiating and overseeing implementation of THCC's multi-million dollar contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. As tribal operations officer, oversaw - through extensive village travel - individual village contracts with the Bureau.

June 1978 - August 1980 Tanana Chiefs Conference Inc., Fairbanks, Alaska. Worked as children's services director with major area of work involving implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act within the TCC/Doyon region. In a close working relationship with the State of Alaska, developed a nationally recognized program for rural, Native foster care, and put into place the processes by which Native groups and the State worked together to provide optimum service delivery to rural foster children and their families.

EDUCATION

- 1974 - High school diploma from Nenana City Public Schools, Nenana, Alaska.
Graduated Valedictorian; Prep All-American in basketball.
- 1978 - Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Welfare, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington. Graduated Cum Laude.
- 1982 - Master of Public Administration degree, University of Alaska, Juneau, Alaska.
Graduated Magna Cum Laude with inclusion on the 1981-1982 National Deans' List. Thesis title: "The Relationship of Alaska Native Governments and the State of Alaska: Problems and Potential Solutions."

PERSONAL

Marital: Married, four children
Born: March 15, 1956 at Bettles, Alaska
Health: Very Good

SELECTED LIST OF AFFILIATIONS

- Board Member, Doyon Limited, an Alaska Native ANCSA regional corporation, March 1994 to present.
- Board Member and Vice President, the Doyon Foundation, March 1994 to present.
- Board Member, Alaska Federation of Natives Inc., 1987; Alternate Member, 1984-1985.
- Board Member and Officer, Evansville Inc., an Alaska Native ANCSA village corporation, 1979-1987.
- Member, Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics (one of three public members), 1986-1987.
- Board Member, World Eskimo-Indian Olympics Inc., 1979- 1987; President 1979, 1984-1985; Board Chairman 1979, 1984-1986.
- Commissioner, City of Fairbanks, Human Rights Commission, 1983-1985.