



Alaska Native Brotherhood & Alaska Native Sisterhood  
Grand Camp



Resolution # 25-03

Title: Urging Congress to recognize Landless Southeast Native Communities

WHEREAS, the Southeast Native communities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell were not provided the authority under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) to form Native Corporations, and

WHEREAS, these communities comprise greater than 20% of the shareholders of the Sealaska Corporation, and

WHEREAS, the five landless communities have, for more than two decades, sought congressional provision for their full eligibility for ANCSA benefits, and

WHEREAS, Congress in 1993, commissioned a formal study to examine the reasons why the five communities were denied ANCSA eligibility, and the resulting report determined that the landless communities do not differ significantly from the Southeast communities that were allowed ANCSA eligibility, and

WHEREAS, no reasonable explanation has ever been provided for not including Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell as communities which should be participating in the ANCSA settlement in the same manner as are the other Native communities of Southeast Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the Native members of the landless communities continue to seek redress which would provide for the formation of ANCSA corporations, land entitlement, and recovery of lost economic benefits, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in convention in Ketchikan, Alaska on October 3, 2003 adopt this resolution and urge the United States Congress to recognize the Sealaska shareholders registered in the communities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell as Native communities with the same status as Native communities recognized in Section 14(h) and Section 16 of ANCSA, and provide authorization for those Native communities to form ANCSA corporations and select land and provide compensation for the economic opportunities lost due to the delayed recognition of their rights to share in the land entitlement in the same manner as those Native communities recognized for such participation in 1971 under ANCSA.

Samuel Jackson, ANB Grand President

Doloresa Cadiente, ANS Grand President

I certify that the Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp adopted this resolution in convention in Ketchikan, Alaska on October 3, 2003.

Nathalie Williams, ANB Grand Secretary