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NATIVE VILLAGE OF NAPASKIAK

RESOLUTION 20-16-21

To Support the Yukon-Kuskokwim Regional Tribal Government by
Creating the Yukon-Kuskokwim Regional Governing Authority

SPONSOR: Chris Larson

SECOND: Yago Jacob

DATE: 10/16, 2021

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Napaskiak is a sovereign tribal government organized by the Yup'ik Eskimo Natives of Napaskiak, Alaska (the "Tribe") pursuant to a constitution adopted on August 27, 1996 in order "to organize for the common good, to govern ourselves under our own laws and customs, to maintain and foster our tribal village culture, to protect our homeland and develop its natural resources" (the "Constitution"); and

WHEREAS, Article VI of the Constitution vests the governmental power of the Tribe in a Council which shall have such power to "represent and protect the Native Village of Napaskiak and its members in all matters that concern the peace, safety, health and general welfare of the Native Village of Napaskiak and its members"; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is one of 56 tribal governments located in the Yukon-Kuskokwim river delta in Alaska ("Y-K Delta Tribes") that are recognized by the United States of America as possessing inherent sovereign authority and maintaining a government-to-government relationship with the American federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and all of the Y-K Delta Tribes are economically underdeveloped and afflicted with significant deficiencies in basic human services such as clean water, housing, wastewater treatment, public safety, and land, environment, and natural resources protection due to the damaging effects of a centuries-long history of injurious laws, policies, practices, activities and neglect by the United States government, the geographic remoteness of the region, and the high costs of providing energy associated with the lack of road and communications infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe believes that all Y-K Delta Tribes should unify to work together to provide certain government services on a region-wide, cost-effective basis to address the

serious deficiencies in governmental services and economic development within each Tribe that is not currently provided effectively by any tribal, federal, or state government; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and other tribes in the Y-K Delta Region formed the Yukon-Kuskokwim Regional Tribal Government on February 21, 2021 for purposes of addressing the needs of the Native people of the Y-K Delta Region under the direction of an Interim Regional Tribal Council which anticipates conducting an initial region-wide election of its officials in November 2022 (“Regional Tribal Government”); and

WHEREAS, the Tribe seeks to assist the Interim Regional Tribal Council in exercising its governing responsibilities by forming a governmental subdivision under the Tribe’s sovereign authority so that it can begin conducting governmental operations immediately;

WHEREAS, the Tribe’s ability to serve its members will be enhanced by the creation of a separate governmental entity under the direction of the Interim Regional Tribal Council to allow it to provide services to all Y-K Delta Tribes if that is their desire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Tribe’s Council, pursuant to its constitutional authority, does hereby grant this Charter attached hereto as Exhibit A to create, appoint and constitute the Yukon-Kuskokwim Regional Tribal Governing Authority (the “Authority”); and

RESOLVED, that the following individuals are hereby appointed as the Governing Council of the Authority:

Natalia Brink Kasigluk

Morgan Fitka

Stephen Maxie

Simeon Fairbanks, Jr.

Moses Owen

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Council shall have authority to appoint additional members of the Governing Council representing additional Tribes that express support for and join the Regional Tribal Government.

CERTIFICATION

PASSED AND APPROVED BY A CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE NAPASKIAK COUNCIL ON THIS 11th DAY OF June, 2021, BY THE VOTE OF 4 FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, AND 1 ABSTAINING.

Stephen Maxie, Tribal Council Chief

Alice Maxie, Tribal Council Secretary