

WE ARE TRIBAL LEADERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF A MAJORITY OF ALASKAN TRIBES, WHO MET FROM AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2004, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH CONSENSUS ON RECENT EVENTS AFFECTING OUR STATUS, RIGHTS AND AUTHORITIES

POSITION:

Alaskan Tribes oppose "regionalization": the re-direction of federal funding from individual Tribes to regional Native organizations or to the State of Alaska.

Alaska Native Tribes are sovereign Tribes possessing inherent governmental authority that pre-dates the U.S. Constitution and the State of Alaska. Alaska Native Tribes are federally recognized Tribes pursuant to the Department of Interior 1993 inclusion of Alaska Tribes on the list of Tribes recognized by the Secretary of the Interior and the subsequent ratification and sanctioning by the U.S. Congress in the Federally Recognized Tribal List Act of 1994. The Indian Reorganization Act was extended to Alaska Native Tribes in 1936, explicitly for the purpose of organizing as federally recognized Tribes.

Alaska Tribes recognize that the Alaska delegation has done much to improve the conditions in the Native communities. We are concerned, however, that the delegation does not represent the views of Alaska Tribes in regard to regionalization. It was clearly stated that there is opposition to the self-determination of the federally recognized tribes in Alaska and there is an agenda to eliminate Alaska Native tribal funding and undermine our status

as tribal governments, using riders and other indirect legislative practices. This process of eliminating Alaska Tribal funding and altering the government-to-government relationship without tribal consultation or negotiation has become known as the process of "Regionalization."

REGIONALIZATION DAMAGES TRIBES

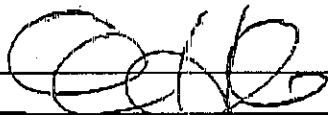
- Regionalization adversely affects Alaskan Tribes' ability to deliver services to their tribal members and communities
- Regionalization moves vital resources (including money, jobs, training and infrastructure needed to support Tribal governments) out of the villages
- Regionalization will ultimately affect Tribes nationally by establishing a negative precedent for the treatment of Tribal governments

Alaskan Tribes oppose any product of the Commission on Rural Justice & Law Enforcement, that supports the concept of regionalization.

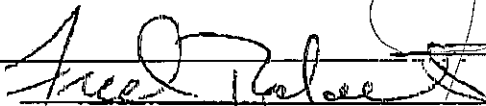
Alaskan Tribes call upon all members of Congress to actively:

- oppose regionalization in any form;
- oppose any initiative to terminate the federally recognized tribal status of Alaska Native Tribes
- oppose all riders that would eliminate funding for Alaska Native Tribes.

BY SIGNING BELOW, ALASKAN TRIBES EXPRESS
SUPPORT FOR THE POSITION ADOPTED ABOVE.



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Shoonaq' Tribe of Kodiak



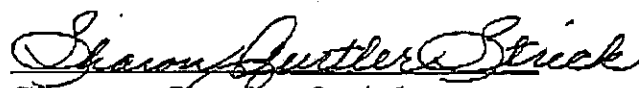
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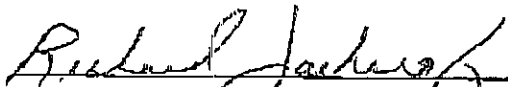
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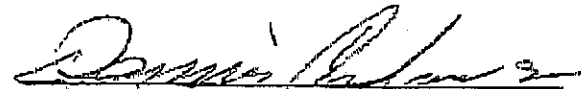
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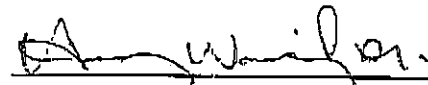
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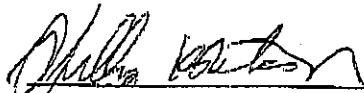
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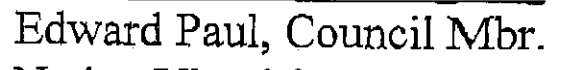

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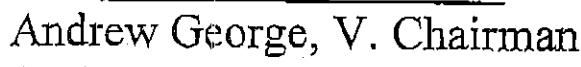

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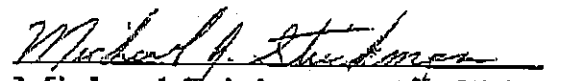

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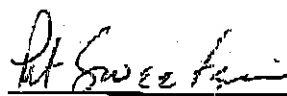

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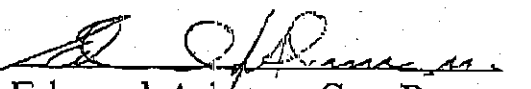

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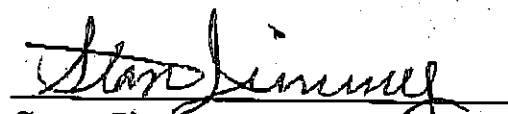

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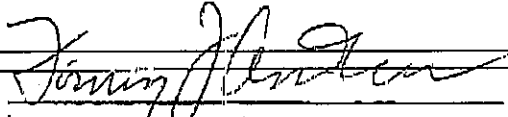

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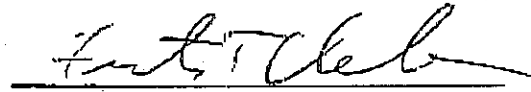

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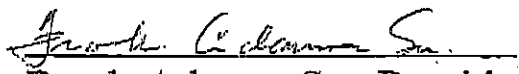
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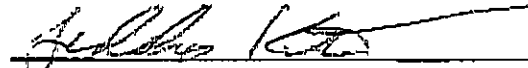
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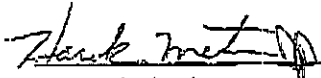
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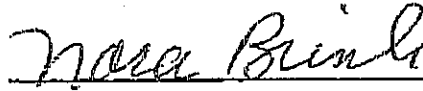
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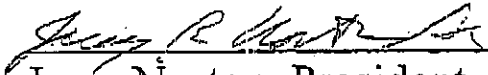
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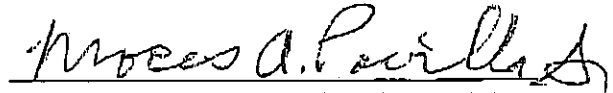
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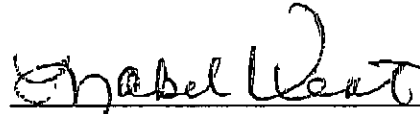
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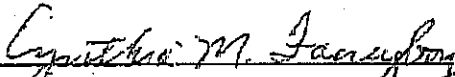
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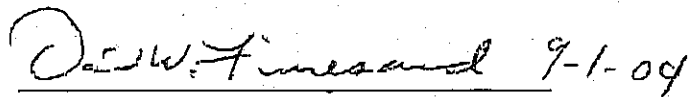
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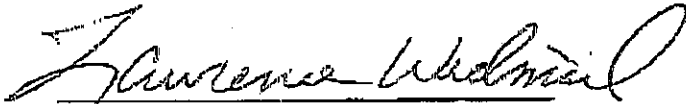
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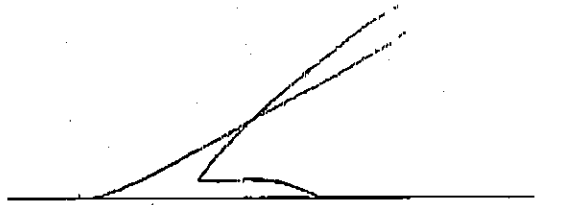
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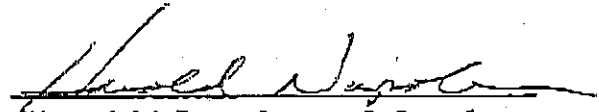
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Kevin Jensen, Member

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Native Village of Paimiut

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ACTION

A delegation of Tribal leaders from the August 30-September 1 meeting shall take the position described above to Washington, D.C.

Alaska Tribes shall submit resolutions articulating the position described above, for consideration and passage by the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council, the Alaska Federation of Natives and the National Congress of American Indians.

Alaska Tribes call upon the Congress of the United States to restore local Tribal funding for law enforcement and Tribal court institutions and to repeal the changes in such funding enacted in fiscal year 2004;

Alaska Tribes request Congress not to alter existing laws that govern administration of government services such as housing, health and environmental services;

Alaska Tribes call on the President of the United States to amend any existing executive orders that suggest differences between the legal and political status of Alaskan Tribes vs. those of other Native American Tribes; and to amend any executive orders that suggest that the federal government's trust responsibility to Alaska's federally recognized Tribes is diminished in any way.