

Resolution # _____

Resolution for the Control and Elimination of Tobacco and Secondhand Smoke in the Work Place and Enclosed Public Places

WHEREAS, The _____ (name of tribe), is an Indian tribe as defined in Section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Pub. L. 93-638, 25 U.S.C. 450b;

WHEREAS, Alaska Native people have the highest rate of tobacco use in the state of Alaska;

WHEREAS, Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease and Alaska Native people suffer serious health consequences including heart disease and cancer;

WHEREAS, Secondhand tobacco smoke exposure is another leading cause of preventable death, and causes disease in healthy nonsmokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and cancer;

WHEREAS, It has been determined by the U.S. Surgeon General that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, air ventilation systems do not work, and that only completely smokefree environments can protect health;

WHEREAS, A significant amount of secondhand smoke exposure for Alaska Native adults and children occurs in the workplace and even short exposures may result in serious adverse health effects and even death;

WHEREAS, Electronic cigarettes or any vapor products are not a harmless alternative to traditional cigarettes and are not FDA approved cessation devices;

WHEREAS, Tobacco-free workplaces protect people from secondhand smoke, reduce tobacco use overall, support healthy lifestyles, model healthy behavior, and support quit attempts;

WHEREAS, The health of our people is of upmost importance and Alaska Native people have taken a lead in addressing health issues throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, Tobacco-free tribal workplaces will protect the health of our children, grandchildren, families, and community members.

WHEREAS, "smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying a lighted or heated cigarette, cigar, pipe, hookah, or tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including marijuana, whether

natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form or using an electronic nicotine delivery system (such as electronic cigarettes or vapes), or other smoking device.

WHEREAS, “tobacco product” is defined to include, but not be limited to, any cigarette, cigar, cigarillo, pipe tobacco, loose tobacco, electronic cigarette, bidi, clove cigarette, and any other smoking product; and smokeless or spit tobacco in any form, such as iqmik, dip, chew, snuff, snus, or dissolvable. Under this definition, all nicotine products are derived from tobacco unless proven otherwise. This policy excludes FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapy for the purpose of tobacco cessation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that tobacco use, including electronic cigarettes or devices shall be prohibited within the facilities owned, operated, or leased by the _____ (name of tribe) including:

- a) all areas within enclosed places that are open to and frequented by the public;
- b) all areas within places of employment; and
- c) all outdoor areas within 20 feet of entrances, exits, and windows that open to enclosed public places and places of employment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that signs prohibiting tobacco use shall be posted and a no tobacco use distance no less than 20 feet from any entrances be enforced.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the _____ (name of tribe) on this __ day of _____ 2017 at which a quorum was present, with a vote of __ for, __ against, __ abstentions, __ absent.

President

Date

ATTESTED:

Tribal Administrator

Date