

Resolution # _____

Title: Resolution for the Control and Elimination of Secondhand Tobacco 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, Smokefree 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 utmost importance and Alaska Native people have taken a lead in addressing health issues throughout the years; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that to protect the health and welfare of others and employees, smoking tobacco shall be prohibited within all facilities owned, operated or leased by the _____ (name of tribe) including:

- a) all areas within enclosed places that are open to or 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 places and places of employment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that signs prohibiting smoking shall be posted and a smoking 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 _____ 2012 at which a quorum was present, with a vote of __ for, __ against, __ abstentions, __ absent.

(Name), President

Date _____

ATTEST: _____
(name), Tribal Administrator

Date _____