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Ketchikan Indian Corporation

(IRA Council)

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RESOLUTION: KIC 99-45

TITLE: IN SUPPORT OF P.R.I.D.E. (Parents Restoring Indian Children's Desire for Education) TO WORK TO IMPROVE THE ABILITY OF NATIVE CHILDREN TO READ AT OR ABOVE GRADE LEVEL.

BY: KETCHIKAN INDIAN CORPORATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Indian Corporation is a federally recognized Tribal government pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) of 1936 as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Indian Corporation Tribal Council is the representative Tribal government of the Ketchikan Indian Corporation, a sovereign, federally recognized IRA Tribe who membership resides in the Ketchikan area; and

WHEREAS, the health, education, and welfare of its membership is of paramount importance to the well being of the Ketchikan Indian Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Ketchikan Indian Corporation has always been supportive of education in Ketchikan and has a history of involvement in educating our youth; and

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District fall 1999 test scores indicate that an average of 37% of Native students are reading 6 months to 18 months below grade level; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is very concerned that so many of our Tribal Members are unable to read adequately, and the resulting high school dropout rate; and

WHEREAS, the future of the Tribe will be in peril if our children are not able to complete their education; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is in keeping with the Tribe's mission statement and strategic plan and moreover serves the interests of the minor children who are unable to exercise their voice via voting and are thereby dependent on the Tribe's adult members to protect their health, welfare, safety, and best interest;

SO THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ketchikan Indian Corporation Tribal Council does hereby authorize and support these efforts to improve the education of our children.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a duly convened meeting of the Ketchikan Indian Corporation Tribal Council, assembled this 5th day of November, 1999, at the Ketchikan Indian Corporation, 429 Deermount Street, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901, by a vote of 7 FOR, ~~2~~ AGAINST, and ~~0~~ ABSTAINING.

Stephanie D. Rainwater-Sande
Stephanie D. Rainwater-Sande, President

3/Nov/99
Date

ATTESTED:

Cecilia Johnson
Cecilia Johnson, Secretary

3/Nov/99
Date