

A baby is sitting on a pebbly beach, dressed as a bear. The baby is wearing a black hat with a white pom-pom, a white shirt with black spots, and black pants. The baby's hands are tucked into its fur-trimmed sleeves. The baby is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. In the background, there is a white object with the word "HONDA" visible.

# OUR CHILDREN

## OUR FUTURE ANCESTORS

**2024 AFN DELEGATE PACKET**

**OCTOBER 17-19, 2024**

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

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## AFN'S MISSION

### 1966 - 2024

Alaska Native people began as members of full sovereign nations and continue to enjoy a unique political relationship with the federal government. We survive and prosper as distinct ethnic and cultural groups and participate fully as members of the overall society.

Formed in 1966, AFN continues to be the principal forum and voice of Alaska Natives in dealing with critical issues of public policy and government.

**Our mission is to enhance and promote the cultural, economic, and political voice of the entire Alaska Native community.**

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### AFN's Endorsement Policy

According to AFN's endorsement policy, Board endorsements require (1) notice to our entire membership within 14 days of consideration and action on the endorsement and (2) a super majority (two-thirds) vote of the Board. As noted above, the Board will consider these endorsements at its October 11, 2024, meeting. AFN's endorsement policy, which is stated in our Bylaws, provides in full:

**Section 16. Statewide Endorsements.** The Board of the Corporation periodically receives requests to endorse statewide political candidates and the office of the President of the United States of America. Solicitations of this nature are entirely within the purview of the Board. Organizational endorsements are rare and, at a minimum, require fourteen (14) calendar days notice to the Corporation's membership to enable a proper assessment of the candidate before approval or denial may be granted by the Board. Such an endorsement would require a two-thirds vote of the Board.

Please send your comments on this matter to [afninfo@nativefederation.org](mailto:afninfo@nativefederation.org). Comments will be shared with the AFN Board. Additionally, if you wish to contact your region's representative to the AFN Board directly, you can find the AFN board list [here](#).

## Official Notice of the Annual Meeting

### ARTICLE III, SECTION I, ANNUAL MEETING.

An annual meeting of the Class A members shall be called the Convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc., and shall be held at the discretion of the board of directors in the manner provided by this Article, for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of other such business as may come from the meeting. The annual meeting may be held on a legal holiday. If the election of directors shall not be held on adjournment thereof, the board of directors shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the Class A members as soon thereafter as conveniently may be arranged.

**In accordance with the bylaws of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc., the board of directors has scheduled the 2024 Convention for October 17, 18, & 19, 2024, to be held at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage, Alaska.**



## Delegate Registration Schedule

First Floor Lobby | Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center

### Thursday, October 17, 2024

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Friday, October 18, 2024

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Saturday, October 19, 2024

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

# OFFICIAL DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

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Please check appropriate box:

- Regional Corporation                       Regional Nonprofit Association  
 Village Corporation                       IRA/Traditional Council

Print clearly:

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Village: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email and Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**This certifies that the above organization did, in its regular business meeting, appoint the following individual(s) to serve as its Official Delegate(s) to the Alaska Federation of Natives Annual Convention to be held on October 17, 18, and 19, 2024 at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage, Alaska.**

To register, each delegate needs to submit the following information:

Submit extra forms attached to this one if you need more space for delegate registration (\*indicates required).

\* Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Official Representative & Title:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print) Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

MAIL OR EMAIL THIS FORM TO:

Alaska Federation of Natives

3000 A Street, Suite 210 | Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Phone: (907) 274-3611 | Fax: (907) 276-7989 | [www.nativefederation.org](http://www.nativefederation.org) | [delegate@nativefederation.org](mailto:delegate@nativefederation.org)

# Annual Convention Resolutions Policy

## Introduction

AFN's mission is to enhance and promote the cultural, economic and political voice of the entire Alaska Native community. Resolutions will be used to help guide AFN toward the following goals:

- Advocate for Alaska Native people, their governments and organizations, with respect to federal, state and local laws;
- Foster and encourage preservation of Alaska Native cultures;
- Promote understanding of the economic needs of Alaska Natives and encourage development consistent with those needs;
- Protect, retain and enhance all lands owned by Alaska Natives and their organizations; and
- Promote and advocate for programs and systems, which instill pride and confidence in all Alaska Natives.

## Committee Organization

A. The AFN Board of Directors adopted these guidelines to assist the AFN Resolutions Committee in meeting their responsibility for accepting, evaluating and making recommendations in the consideration of resolutions.

B. AFN Resolutions Committee is a standing committee comprised of members appointed by the Co-Chairs of the AFN Board of Directors.

C. The Chairman of the Committee and/or AFN's staff assigned to the Committee shall give members appointed to the Resolutions Committee an orientation to the resolutions process. Included in the orientation packet shall be:

- 1) A copy of the AFN Bylaws;
- 2) A copy of Resolutions Policy & Procedures;
- 3) A copy of the Annual Notification for submission of resolutions; and
- 4) A copy of the resolutions passed by the previous Annual Convention.

D. The Elders/Youth Conference, hosted by the First Alaskans Institute, shall form a resolutions committee. The Elders/Youth Conference shall establish guidelines for their resolutions committee along the same lines as the AFN Resolutions Committee. The Elder/Youth Resolutions Committee may request a member of the AFN Resolutions Committee to serve on the Elders/Youth Resolutions Committee.

## Criteria for Submitting Resolutions

A. The Resolutions Committee will entertain resolutions submitted by any recognized Alaska Native delegate to the Annual Convention, Alaska Native Group, or AFN member organizations.

*B. The Resolutions Committee will consider only resolutions that address issues of statewide or broader significance.*

C. Resolutions submitted must address only one issue *and must be accompanied by a one paragraph problem statement that clearly explains the problem/issue which you are wanting AFN to solve.*

D. Resolutions requesting funding may be referred to the AFN Board of Directors or an appropriate regional or local organization.

E. The Resolutions Committee may refer to the AFN Board of Directors or an appropriate member organization for resolutions that request legal action.

F. The Resolutions Committee will refer to the AFN Board of Directors all resolutions that are determined to be a divisive issue between member organizations.

G. The Resolutions Committee shall refer all resolutions of endorsements, commendations, or recognition to the AFN Board of Directors.





### Resolution Procedures and Follow-Up

A. When a resolution does not follow the established format, it will be referred back to the sponsor or be rewritten/revised.

B. Duplicate resolutions may be consolidated. All sponsors of duplicates will be noted on final resolutions.

C. **The Resolutions Committee will only consider resolutions that are received by the deadline of September 20, 2024.**

D. Resolutions should be one issue per resolution.

E. Resolutions making misstatements on issues will be returned to their sponsor(s).

F. The AFN President or designee, which may include the Chair of the Resolutions Committee, shall make a summary report of actions that occurred on the resolutions adopted at the prior Annual Convention.

G. An authorized member delegate may present a resolution(s) to the Annual Convention by “Suspension of Rules” procedure set out in *Roberts Rules of Order* provided that copies were handed out the day before the resolutions are to be acted on and comply with this policy.

H. The Resolutions Committee shall categorize all resolutions received into the following categories: AFN Board Resolutions; Special Recognition; Subsistence; Health, Safety & Welfare; Cultural; Land & Natural Resources; Education; Economics; ANCSA/Tribal; Elder/Youth; and Other.



I. Resolutions presented to the Annual Convention and passed by the delegation shall be processed by the Resolutions Committee into a final set of resolutions for presentation to the AFN Board of Directors.

### Presentation of Resolutions at the Annual Convention

A. The Chair of the Resolutions Committee, or designee, shall preside over the presentation of resolutions to the membership at each Annual Convention. The Chair will explain the resolution policy and process, the notice and instructions for submitting resolutions, the criteria for submitting resolutions, and the technical management of the resolutions.

B. The Committee Member will read the number, title of resolution, and the recommendation of the Committee, and that he/she will make the motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee. A Committee Member will second the motion.

- 1) Amendments of three words or less and grammatical amendments may be accepted by unanimous consent by the Annual Convention
- 2) Amendments of greater length must be in writing and brought to the Committee and may be tabled to the end of the session;
- 3) Suspension of rules to consider resolutions other than those in the convention resolutions packet requires a two-thirds vote of the members. Newly submitted resolutions must be in writing and brought to the Committee.



## CHANGES TO AFN RESOLUTION PROCESS

In 2023, the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) implemented significant changes to its resolution process to ensure a more inclusive and comprehensive consideration of resolutions. These changes now require all resolutions, including those from the First Alaskans Institute, to go through the same process. Additionally, the AFN board passed a new bylaw, which allows for holding resolutions deemed divisive by at least two regions, ensuring fairness in the decision-making process. The bylaw language for this resolution is copied below.

**Section 5. Action.** In addition to the power vested in the membership by law, the members may adopt resolutions that do not infringe on the right of the Board to manage the Corporation and may adopt resolutions directed to other corporations, governments, and persons.

All such resolutions shall be submitted to AFN prior to each year's Convention at a date and time established by AFN annually, such that sufficient time be allotted for a board meeting prior to Convention to review the resolutions before transmission to the members at the Convention. Before transmission to the members, the Board shall confirm that each resolution is:

Statewide in nature, rather than pertaining to less than all of the twelve (12) geographic regions of the state of Alaska that correspond to the geographic boundaries of the twelve (12) regional corporations organized pursuant to ANCSA.

**Non-divisive.** For the purposes of this criteria, any two of the twelve (12) geographic regions of the state of Alaska that correspond to the geographic boundaries of the twelve (12) regional corporations organized pursuant to ANCSA may vote to deem a resolution divisive, and if two regions vote this way, the resolution may not be transmitted to the members at any Convention. A resolution withheld from the Convention may still be acted upon by the Board. In order to confirm a region's vote for these purposes, the individuals chosen to serve as Directors on the Board for a given region must all vote in the affirmative to deem a resolution divisive.

Any resolution deemed to be divisive may be brought before the membership after a successful suspension of the rules for a given Convention only if 11/12th of the members in attendance and in good standing vote in the affirmative.

### Key Changes

All resolutions, irrespective of their origin, must now go through a standardized process. This includes resolutions from the First Alaskans Institute, ensuring they are subject to the same scrutiny and requirements as other resolutions. Additionally, resolutions will only be considered by AFN members in good standing or through recommendations from an AFN committee or board.

The new bylaw allows a resolution to be held if two or more regions consider the resolution to be divisive. The resolution will be held indefinitely until board consideration. This bylaw aims to prevent conflict and ensure that potentially contentious issues are sent to the convention floor.

Resolutions held under this bylaw will not be dismissed but will instead undergo a detailed review by the AFN board. This review will include discussions with the concerned regions to address the divisive aspects and seek a consensus or compromise. By holding divisive resolutions for further board consideration, AFN aims to mitigate conflicts and ensure that all perspectives are considered before a decision is made.

### Conclusion

The changes to the AFN resolution process, including all resolutions under the same process and the new bylaw for divisive resolutions, represent a significant step towards greater inclusivity, efficiency, and conflict resolution within AFN. These measures ensure that all resolutions are treated equally, promote transparency, and provide a mechanism for addressing potentially contentious issues in a deliberate manner.

# RESOLUTIONS SUBMISSION FORMAT

**DEADLINE: RESOLUTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED, POSTMARKED, OR DATED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 20, 2024.**

You must include the following information with your resolution:

- Contact information (Name, email address, phone, member organization)
- Include a short detailed description of the problem you wish AFN to address. Please make sure to include any state/federal agencies or departments that are involved with the intent of your resolution.
- Acknowledge if your resolution requires any funding or legal action. Please note that resolutions requiring funding or legal action will be referred to the AFN Board of Directors for review.

## AFN Resolutions Format

*Please follow the format below in Calibri size 12 font and submit in a Microsoft Word document:*

ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES  
2024 ANNUAL CONVENTION  
RESOLUTION 24-

TITLE: SHORT TITLE OF RESOLUTION IN UPPERCASE FONT (NOT MORE THAN 2 LINES)

WHEREAS: (Please keep your resolution to 2 pages or less and address one issue per resolution.)

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates of the 2024 Annual Convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives...

Please use the following order for additional resolves:

Be it further resolved that...

Please provide in one paragraph a detailed description of the problem you wish AFN to solve.

[Click here for a sample of a problem statement from a 2018 Convention resolution.](#)

You may review previous AFN Convention resolutions at: <https://nativefederation.org/resolutions-archive/>.



## 2024 AFN Annual Banquet

You are cordially invited to join us in celebration!

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center | Anchorage, AK

### TIME

Seating at 6:30 PM

Dinner at 7:00 PM

### TICKETS

VIP Table \$2,000

Gold Table \$1,500

Silver Table \$1,200

Individual Seat \$100

10 SEATS PER TABLE

Tickets are available online at [www.nativefederation.org/banquet](http://www.nativefederation.org/banquet).



# President's Awards Nominations

## Eligibility Requirements for Submitting Nomination:

- AFN Member Organizations in good standing may submit nominations for the AFN President's Awards.
- AFN Members may only submit one nomination per category.
- Nominations are for Living Alaska Natives.
- Submit a typed form. You may provide letters of support for the nominee. All information will be used at AFN's discretion and will not be returned.
- The Convention Committee will consider only those nominees who meet the criteria.
- Please nominate only persons of good moral character who, to your knowledge, have not had serious questions raised regarding their stability, honesty, or integrity (e.g., nominees should not have been convicted of or indicted for a felony, a crime involving dishonesty, or a crime involving harm to a child, nor be under indictment for such crimes). AFN highly recommends you check for criminal proceedings here: <https://records.courts.alaska.gov>.
- The Organizer (you) are responsible for the nominee's travel, hotel, per diem, or any expenses for travel to the AFN Annual Convention should they be selected as a winner. It is recommended that the winning nominee be present at the Convention during the Presentation of Awards.
- The Organizer (you) will be notified as soon as possible if your nominee was selected as a winner. (No later than August 30, 2024.)
- AFN requests that no announcements be made of the winners in their organization's newsletter until after the AFN ceremony.



**Please note that late submissions will not be considered.**

**DEADLINE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:30 PM ON AUGUST 14, 2024.**

# 2024 PRESIDENT'S AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Please check the Award for which you are submitting a nomination (choose only one):

**Health** – This award is given to an Alaska Native in the health field who has improved the health outcomes of Native peoples through their competence and commitment. Nominees may be doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, case managers, schedulers provider, traditional healers, or health care administrators.

**Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education** – Named for the late state Legislator and elementary and bilingual teacher, Eileen Panigeo, this award recognizes an Alaska Native who has demonstrated strong commitment, competence and sensitivity in the education field, and whose accomplishments have improved educational opportunities for Alaska Natives. Individuals nominated for this award may be involved in traditional education, preschool, elementary, secondary, or postsecondary education, the nominee can be cultural educator, parents, committee members, school board members, administrators, teacher aides, or other education-related professionals, who have been a positive role model for the Alaska Native community.

**Hannah Paul Solomon "Woman of Courage"** – Named for the late Hannah Paul Solomon, recognizing an Alaska Native woman who demonstrates through their life and work the strengths of our culture and values and tremendous courage.

**Katie John Hunter-Fisher** – An Alaska Native who exemplifies and preserves the spirit of successful subsistence hunting, trapping and sharing, and our way of life. Nominees acknowledge and ensure that the next generations of providers will carry on the traditions and customs in harmony and peace to sustain their extended families.

**Roger Lang Youth Leadership** – Named for the late Roger Lang, former AFN President, who encouraged young people to expand their horizons and challenge themselves to become future leaders. Nominees must be young men, 18-30 years of age who demonstrate leadership qualities. The young women's category will be available in 2025.

**Small Business** – An Alaska Native business owner who has demonstrated success in business as with a commitment to their community, which has improved economic opportunities for Alaska Natives.

**Gin'tith (Richard Frank) Military Service** – An Alaska Native who demonstrates a strong commitment and willingness to serve in the U. S. Armed Forces in the defense of the United States of America. Individuals nominated for this award may be involved in the U. S. Armed Forces in active duty, reserves, National Guard or as a veteran who was honorably discharged from active duty or reserves.

**Glenn Godfrey Law Enforcement** – Named for the late Glenn Godfrey, Colonel and Director of the Alaska State Troopers and Alaska Commissioner of Public Safety. This award recognizes an Alaska Native law enforcement officer, federal, state, or local, who has shown outstanding dedication to the safety of the public in any location(s) within Alaska, often requiring heroic courage in the face of danger.



# 2024 PRESIDENT'S AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

## 1. Who are you nominating?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal/Cultural Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Information on family history, siblings, place of origin, etc.:

## 3. Activities National/Statewide/Local:

## 4. Please provide information on special talents, skills, and past experiences relevant to the designated award category:

# 2024 PRESIDENT'S AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

## 5. Please provide distinctive quotes, well-known guidance given, or any other information that is exclusive to the Nominee:

## 6. Biography (250 words or less):

## 7. Please include a photo:

## **REQUIRED** Organizer Information (Your Information) — AFN will contact you if your nominee is selected:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit by mail OR email to:

AFN  
3000 A Street, Suite 210  
Anchorage, AK 99503  
**ATTN: Nicole James**

Phone: 907-274-3611  
Email: [njames@nativefederation.org](mailto:njames@nativefederation.org)



## Quyana Alaska 2024 EVENING CULTURAL PERFORMANCES

### DATES

Thursday & Friday  
October 17 & 18

### TIME

7:00 - 10:00 PM

### LOCATION

Dena'ini Center  
600 West 7th Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska

### TICKETS

\$15 Each

*Children under 2 years old are free.*

Tickets will be available online starting October 1, 2024.

## AFN Co-Chair Nominations Process

AFN will accept nominations for candidates for the AFN Co-Chair position until 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 11, 2024. Below is a step-by-step outline of the process:

1. Interested candidates will submit their intent to run, noting the delegate or member organization who nominated them, in writing to [afninfo@nativefederation.org](mailto:afninfo@nativefederation.org) or by mail (3000 A Street, Suite 210, Anchorage, AK 99503).
2. Candidates are strongly encouraged to send a pre-recorded video message, no longer than 5 minutes in length, to be shared on the 2024 virtual convention platform and AFN social media.
3. Candidates will have the option to make live remarks at the 2024 Annual AFN Convention on Friday morning, October 18, 2024, at the Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center in Anchorage.
4. AFN Co-Chair elections will take place on Saturday afternoon, October 19, at the Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center in Anchorage.





## 2024 Alaska Federation of Natives Annual Convention

### TRAVEL DISCOUNT

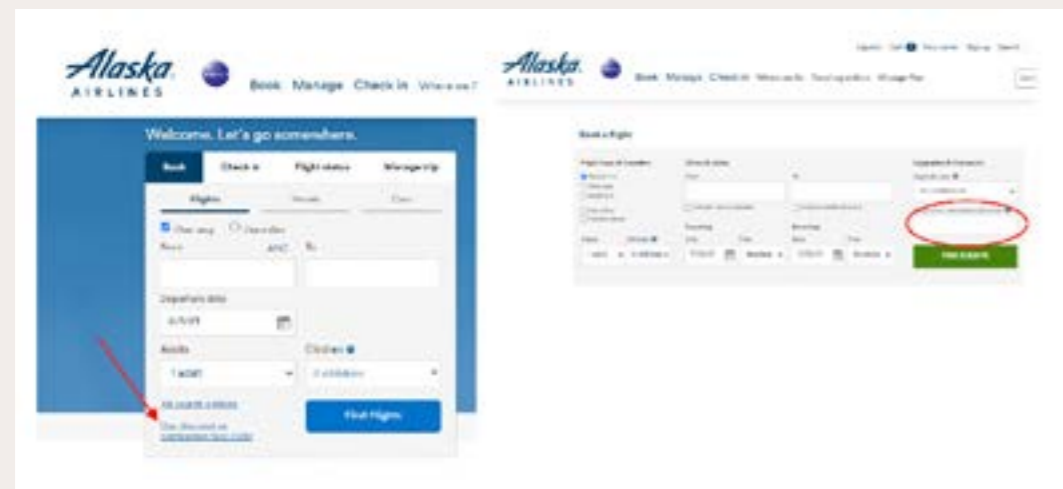
15% discount off all published fares to Anchorage, Alaska from any Alaska Airlines or Horizon Air city in Alaska, Lower-48 and Canada.

### VALID TRAVEL DATES

October 11-25, 2024

### HOW TO BOOK

To take advantage of your discount, go to [www.alaskaair.com](http://www.alaskaair.com), click on “Use Discount Code,” on the next page enter your origin/destination city and travel dates, enter Discount Code ECMK398 and click on “Find Flights.” All eligible flights will display for you to choose from.



### FARE RULES

15% discount off all published fares to Anchorage, Alaska from any Alaska Airlines or Horizon Air city in Alaska, Lower-48 and Canada. Any change or cancellation after ticketing is subject to a service charge. All fare rules and additional blackout dates of the fare apply. All tickets must be issued online or by the Alaska Airlines Group desk. A \$15.00 service fee will apply to any tickets issued by the Group Desk.



## Arts & Crafts Showcase and Exhibitor Hall

First Floor Lobby | Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center

Thursday, October 17, 2024

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday, October 18, 2024

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 19, 2024

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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