



Azachorok Incorporated

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Homelessness Resolution Results in Call to Action at AFN

Resolution Submitted by Azachorok Inc. Addressing Homelessness Among Alaska Natives Passes Overwhelmingly

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA- Today, the Azachorok Incorporated Board of Directors is applauding members of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) for overwhelmingly passing a resolution submitted by Azachorok, Inc. addressing the need for a Call to Action on Homelessness particularly among Alaska Natives.

“With data showing rural residents move to urban areas and then increasingly wind up on the streets, it’s apparent the issue is not being addressed, prevented, or resolved at the local level,” says Loren Peterson, Chairman & CEO of Azachorok Inc. “It is our hope that this Call to Action on Homelessness will bring together a diverse coalition of government agencies and Alaska Native organizations to start addressing this issue effectively at the statewide level.”

Since January 2015, almost 40 homeless Alaska Natives have died living on the streets of Anchorage.

“These people are family members, relatives and friends. We cannot stand by waiting for someone else to resolve this epidemic,” said Mr. Peterson. “It is under the purview of Alaska Native Corporations and Regional Non-profits to increase the quality of life for our community members and that includes all Alaska Natives, not just the ones with roofs over their heads. We feel strongly that AFN is a great starting place for tackling this complicated issue.”

“We submitted this resolution in the hope that a task force comprised of State agencies and Alaska Native organizations would be created and this collaboration would help find pragmatic solutions to mitigate homelessness among Alaska Natives,” said Mr. Peterson who is looking forward to seeing the results from the Call to Action.

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Azachorok, Incorporated represents approximately 512 shareholders across Alaska. Azachorok Inc. is a for-profit ANCSA Village corporation that invests in sustainable business opportunities for the benefit of shareholders while preserving traditional subsistence culture and values.

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