



ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES, INC
2013 ANNUAL CONVENTION
Resolution 13- 15

TITLE: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SOUTHCENTRAL FOUNDATION'S NUKA SYSTEM OF CARE

WHEREAS: The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) is the largest statewide Native organization in Alaska and its membership includes 118 federally-recognized tribes, 133 village corporations, 13 regional Native corporations, and 11 regional nonprofit and tribal consortiums that contract and run federal and state programs; and

WHEREAS: The mission of AFN is to enhance and promote the cultural, economic and political voice of the entire Alaska Native community; and

WHEREAS: Southcentral Foundation is the regional Alaska Native nonprofit health organization operating under the authority of Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI), to receive tribal funds pursuant to P. L. 93-638, Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS: Southcentral Foundation's Nuka System of Care is designed, managed, and owned by Alaska Native people, and exemplifies self-determination; and

WHEREAS: the Nuka System of Care was developed as a means for individuals, families, communities and the world in which we live to achieve physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness; and

WHEREAS: some 60,000 Alaska Native customer-owners have shaped Southcentral Foundation's Nuka System of Care through shared responsibility and relationship building, courageous quality improvement efforts and innovation; and

WHEREAS: the data shows that the whole system redesign and transformation led by customer-owners has resulted in improved health outcomes at a lower cost; and

WHEREAS: Alaska Native people have become renowned as champions of health care improvement and change (earning the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, being lauded in the New York Times, hosting hundreds of visitors to Alaska for the annual Nuka Conference, etc.); and

WHEREAS: while leaders around the world are struggling to improve quality and access to care, they are looking to the Nuka System of Care as a model; and

WHEREAS: those who have reached out to Southcentral Foundation's Nuka Institute for assistance as they set out to make changes have achieved better health care; and

WHEREAS: there are opportunities for Alaska Native people and the customer-owned Nuka System of Care to play a larger role in improving health care; and

WHEREAS: The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) is the largest statewide Native organization in Alaska, with membership including 178 villages (both federally-recognized tribes and village corporations), 13 regional Native corporations, and 12 regional nonprofit and tribal consortiums that contract and run federal and state programs.

WHEREAS: The mission of AFN is to enhance and promote the cultural, economic and political voice of the entire Alaska Native community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AFN, supports Southcentral Foundation's Nuka System of Care as an example of what is possible in health care reform.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AFN supports Southcentral Foundation's Nuka Institute in its efforts to share the Nuka System of Care with Alaska health care organizations and others to expand its capacity to meet the demand for training and technical assistance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be the policy of AFN until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

Submitted by: COOK INLET REGIONAL CORPORATION

Committee Action: DO PASS

Convention Action: PASSED