

"Shared Visions"

For the Future of Alaska Natives

Mission Statement

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

Goals for the 1990's

With respect for our elders and ancestors, and in dedication to our children and future generations, we are hereby committed to:

- * protect the use, occupancy and ownership of Native lands
- * promote the highest possible quality of life for Alaska Native people
- * promote control by Alaska Natives over their lives and communities and the institutions that affect them
- * promote pride in heritage and development of self-esteem among Alaska Natives
- * preserve and strengthen Alaska

Native cultures

- * foster an understanding of Alaska Native cultures within the larger society
- * secure equitable participation in the educational, health, social, political and economic systems that affect Alaska Natives
- * promote and protect the unique, special relationship and entitlements that exist between Alaska Natives (and Native institutions) and the federal government
- * promote the recognition and development of Alaska Native organizations and institutions
- * strengthen and promote the family unit
- * eliminate alcohol and drug abuse among Alaska Natives
- * protect all benefits and rights of ANCSA and its amendments
- * secure economic employment opportunities and benefits enjoyed by the larger society
- * ensure the spiritual well-being and the physical, mental and

emotional health and safety of Alaska Natives

- * protect rights and opportunities to pursue Native subsistence activities and lifestyles
- * eliminate family violence, child neglect and abuse among Alaska Natives
- * promote educational goals and academic achievement levels that provide real opportunities for each person to excel in today's society and that meet the special needs of Alaska Natives
- * urge Alaska Native leaders to actively participate in youth activities as role models and mentors
- * foster statewide unity and trust in representing the common interest of Native people and in celebrating Native cultures

IN ADOPTING THESE GOALS, WE CHALLENGE OURSELVES AND OUR LEADERSHIP AT ALL LEVELS TO PROMOTE AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN MAKING THESE GOALS A REALITY.