

AFN Pays Debt To Yakima Nation

ANCHORAGE — The Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. will begin paying off a land claims lobbying debt in excess of \$600,000. with a \$225,000. check to the Yakima Indian Nation.

In ceremonies at Juneau Friday, the board of directors of the AFN, Inc. will repay the loan to Robert Jim, chairman of the Yakima Indian Nation of Washington.

An amendment to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act made it possible for regional native corporations to help AFN, Inc. by loaning money to pay off earlier debts.

The ceremonies will mark the height of a three day meeting of the board of AFN, Inc.