

AFN board protests Trader death

In its recent full board meeting in Juneau, the full board of the Alaska Federation of Natives unanimously adopted a resolution formally pro-

testing the death of Mr. Francis Trader in Anchorage several weeks ago. The resolution reads as follows:

Relating to the recent death of Francis Trader:

WHEREAS the Alaska Federation of Natives, an organization of Alaska Native associations, communities and corporations is seriously concerned about circumstances within the Municipality of Anchorage leading to the recent needless death of Mr. Francis Trader, an Alaska Native from Emonak; and

WHEREAS the death of Mr. Trader gives evidence of serious shortcomings in the Municipality of Anchorage policies and procedures regarding the response of municipal public safety community and human services personnel, to the needs of homeless persons in distressful situations; and

WHEREAS the Association of Village Council Presidents, a member organization of the AFN, has formally protested Mr. Trader's needless death to the Municipality of Anchorage, and has requested the

AFN to assume a leadership role in bringing together municipal officials, public safety personnel, human services agencies and Native organizations in identifying measures and procedures aimed at avoiding any further tragic deaths on the streets and alleyways of Anchorage;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the full board of directors of the Alaska Federation of Natives hereby joins other entities in formally protesting to the Municipality of Anchorage the circumstances leading to the death of Mr. Francis Trader; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AFN board hereby authorizes and requests the AFN officers and staff to initiate discussions among municipal human service and Native organization representatives with the objective of clearly identifying policies and procedures aimed at preventing further tragic deaths of homeless individuals in Anchorage.