

Native leader trusts Hickel to solve D-2

Melvin Charlie, the former president of the Tanana Chiefs Conference and former board member and treasurer of Doyon Ltd., has announced that he will support Wally Hickel in his bid for the Governor's chair.

Charlie said he would actively campaign and "help in any way I can to get Hickel elected.

"We need Wally in there," Charlie stated. "He shows

concern for the land we live on and he can help Alaskans try to resolve the D-2 land problem as he helped us in the Native Land Claims fight."

Charlie, who is presently executive director of the Interior Regional Authority, went on to say, "With Hickel in the Governor's office, we can get the high unemployment rate under control. I feel he will do a much better job for all of us."

"Also, Wally has always shown a key interest in providing the best education for the young people in our state. That's important, because that's where the future is.

"The thing I like most about Wally Hickel," Charlie said, "is that he is open minded and he listens to people to get an overall picture, and then he makes a decision . . . you can always count on Wally to act!"