

Editorial

Village Association

The effort to organize a statewide association of Native villages is a welcome development. Such a formal organization is long overdue. Villages have a particular set of problems, as well as tremendous challenges and external pressures. No agency, organization or institution will be as effective in dealing with such problems as an organization of villages working together to meet the challenges through the benefit of collective effort and shared understanding of common objectives. The birth of such an association will be a true test of self-determination; and the acceptance and encouragement of this group by the rest of us will be the proof of our sincere belief in the principles of self-determination. We wish them well.