

Chief Isaac honored at Banquet

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Chief Andrew Isaac, traditional chief of the Athabascan Indian members of Tanana Chiefs Conference and Doyon, Ltd. Alaska Native Regional Corporation, has been singled out for special recognition at this week-end's annual meeting of shareholders of the Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Company, owners of Tundra Times.

Chief Isaac is to be presented with a portrait of himself by noted Yupik Artist Moses Wassilie. The portrait was commissioned by the Tundra Times Board of Directors. Presenting the portrait will be Tundra Times Director Oscar Kawagley, President of the Calista Corporation.

Kawagley will read a special board resolution adopted by the Tundra Times Directors to authorize the honor.

In part, the resolution states: "The Aleut and Eskimo shareholders of the statewide Alaska Native newspaper wish to pay special honor and recognition to Chief Andrew Isaac, Traditional Chief of the Athabascan Indians of Interior Alaska, for inspirational leadership for the Athabascan people."

"The Aleut and Eskimo shareholders of Tundra Times are honored to join with our Indian shareholders in honoring Andrew Isaac, not only as Traditional Chief of the Athabascans, but also as one of the greatest leaders of our time for all Native peoples of Alaska," the resolution says.

"This resolution has been introduced by the Alaska Eskimo and Aleut Directors of the

Tundra Times on behalf of Aleut and Eskimo people to show our deep gratitude to our brother Andrew Isaac, Traditional Chief of Athabascans, for his wisdom and guidance, and his excellent representation of Alaska Native people," the resolution notes.

"Director Oscar Kawagley is hereby authorized and requested to make this presentation and to honor Chief Andrew Isaac with a gift of a portrait of himself by Moses Wassilie on behalf of the Eskimo and Aleut shareholders of Tundra Times and all Alaska Native people," the resolution adds.

The presentation is to be made at the Fairbanks Tundra Times Banquet Sunday evening.