

Anchorage ANB Backs Funding Legal Services

ANCHORAGE—The Anchorage Camp of the Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) called on Governor Keith H. Miller to honor a \$40,000 appropriation request of the Alaska Legal Services Corporation.

In a telegram sent to Governor Miller last week, the Anchorage ANB said that Alaska Legal Services Corporation has proved its worth to those within our society who are deprived of legal representation in civil matters due to economic problems and ALSC should continue to serve the more indigenous in the future.

In making the announcement, Anchorage ANB President Paul Young said that it was unfortunate that the Alaska Legislature failed to act on the appropriation request of Legal Services and that he felt it was incumbent upon the Governor to finance the supplemental salaries of the administrative officers of the program.

Under existing Federal law, OEO-sponsored programs such as Legal Services cannot pay beyond an annual salary of \$15,000. Upwards of that amount, the State would have to provide the supplement and this is what is entailed in the \$40,000 request from the Governor's contingency fund.

The ANB Camp also said that copies of the telegram and the press releases would be forwarded to each Native organization in the entire State.