

First Alaskans Institute

Elders & Youth Conference Resolutions Statement

In order to provide a resolution, you must accept the responsibility to grow your knowledge and understanding of our intergenerational commitment to protect our ways of life, and to pass along and/or accept knowledge from other Elders and youth involved in the process. In agreeing to this, you will take part in the resolution workshop to aid each other in the development of resolutions. This process is a learning opportunity to strengthen the advocacy of our participants, it is not an opportunity to pass through resolutions to AFN. If your sole objective is to have a resolution considered at AFN, the Elders & Youth Conference is not the appropriate body for that resolution. Resolutions must be relevant to Elders & youth, must be on issues they care about, and have come thru this workshop for development.

In drafting and submitting your resolution, you understand that when Natives fight Natives, someone else is winning. The purpose of the resolutions must be to advance and strengthen Native peoples, living up to our Native values as best as they can to address the issues being put forward. This is in order for us to continue to collectively indigenize processes which are not inherently part of our cultural norms.

The following is the resolution criteria: 1) drafters and submitters must be registered participants in the Conference, and must be Elders or youth, though others may help in the drafting process, 2) drafters and submitters must attend the EY Resolution workshop and prepare their resolution using the resolution process described herein, 2) be statewide in nature, 3) not be controversial within our community - it should not tear us apart, even if folks may have different ideas, it cannot be something that goes against our Native values, and 4) must be submitted on time and in the correct format, as determined and announced during the Resolutions Workshop. First Alaskans Staff will make the final determination of whether resolutions meet these criteria and approve them to move forward in the process.

Contact the Alaska Native Policy Center at anpc@firstalaskans.org with any questions.