



### **Elders & Youth Conference Resolutions Statement**

In order to provide a resolution, conference attendees were required to accept the responsibility to grow their 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, participants took part in the resolution workshop to aid each other in the development of resolutions. This process was a learning opportunity to strengthen the advocacy of our participants. Resolutions were required to be relevant to Elders & youth, on issues they care about, and had to go through the Resolutions Workshop. In drafting and submitting their resolution, the participants understood that when Natives fight Natives, someone else is winning. The purpose of the resolutions were 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 all was in order for us to continue to collectively indigenize processes which are not inherently part of our cultural norms.

The following was the resolution criteria: 1) drafters and submitters had to be registered participants in the Conference, and Elders or youth, though others were welcome to help in the drafting process, 2) drafters and submitters had to 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 - they should not tear us apart, even if folks may have different ideas, they could not be something that went against our Native values, and 4) had to be submitted on time and in the correct format, as determined and announced during the Resolutions Workshop. First Alaskans Staff made the final determination of whether resolutions met these criteria and approved them to move forward in the process.

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