

Tribal Constitution
of the
Nenana Native Village

Nenana, Alaska

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PREAMBLE

We, the Nenana Native people, assert our freedom as a sovereign people in a historic relationship with the United States of America, in creating this Tribal Constitution. We adopt this Constitution to exercise the Tribe's inherent sovereign rights and powers in promoting the well-being and unity of this and succeeding generations, to affirm our faith in fundamental Native rights and traditions, and to promote our Tribe's social, cultural, economic, and political progress. We adopt this Constitution as a federally recognized tribe, under our inherent sovereign authority. This Constitution amends and supersedes the Traditional Constitution of the Nenana Native Village adopted by the tribal voters on December 1996, which superseded the Nenana Native Constitution and Bylaws adopted in February 21, 1968.

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of this Tribe shall be the "Nenana Native Village," known as the 'Nenana Native Association' on the list of federally recognized Tribes published by the United States Department of the Interior. The governing body shall be the Nenana Native Village Council, also referred to as the "Nenana Tribal Council," "Native Council," or "Council" in this Constitution.

ARTICLE 2 – Jurisdiction

The Nenana Native Village shall have all the immunities and privileges available to federally acknowledged Indian tribes, in our government-to-government relationship with the United States, as well as the responsibilities, powers, limitations and obligations of such tribes. The jurisdiction of the Nenana Native Village shall extend over all governmental processes internal to the Tribe and over matters arising:

1. In the Nenana Native Village's Indian country, and lands and waters under which the Tribe has jurisdiction under federal or state law for a specific purpose; and/or
2. Over all tribal members within or outside Indian country; and/or
3. Over all persons and entities who enter into consensual relations with the Tribe or tribal members, or whose activities affect the political integrity, economic security, or the health or welfare of the Tribe or tribal members; and/or
4. Over any matters so implied or delegated by Congress

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Base Membership Roll. The base membership of the Nenana Native Village shall consist of all Alaska Natives whose names appear on the base membership roll adopted by the Nenana Native Council at the passage of this Constitution, provided that the Council may correct the base membership roll within two years following the adoption of this Constitution.

Section 2. Descendants of Base Roll Members. Lineal descendants of base roll members shall automatically be eligible to formally enroll into the Nenana Native Village, subject to the provisions of this Constitution and to ordinances enacted pursuant to this Constitution. Children under 18 who are lineal descendants of members on the base membership roll shall be tribal members regardless of whether or not they are formally enrolled into the Nenana Native Village Tribe. Children under 18 who are lineal descendants of base roll members may not be disenrolled, relinquish their membership, or have their membership relinquished for any reason.

Section 3. Adoption of New Members. The Nenana Native Council shall have the option to adopt Alaska Natives who have a blood quantum of at least $\frac{1}{4}$ Alaska Native blood, and who set up residence in Nenana but are not descendants of members listed on the base roll, according to the provisions and stipulations of a Nenana Native Village tribal membership and enrollment ordinance.

Section 4. Membership and Enrollment Ordinances. The Nenana Native Council shall have the power to enact ordinances and resolutions, not inconsistent with this Constitution, prescribing rules and regulations governing membership, including but not limited to application and appeal procedures, maintenance of the membership roll, loss of membership, dual membership, relinquishment of membership, and adoption of new members.

ARTICLE 4 - GOVERNING BODY

Section 1. Name and Powers. The governing body of the Nenana Native Village shall be the 'Nenana Tribal Council,' also referred to as the "Council" or "Native Council" in this Constitution. The Council shall represent the Tribe and shall exercise the powers of the Tribe cited in this Constitution unless otherwise provided by this Constitution or by tribal ordinance.

Section 2. Number of Council Members and Voting. The Nenana Native Council shall consist of nine (9) members who shall be elected by a majority vote of the qualified voters casting their ballots in such an election. All nine (9) Council members shall be entitled to vote, except in cases of conflict of interest.

Section 3. Officers. The officers of the Council shall include a First Chief, Second Chief, and Secretary/Treasurer. The First Chief shall be directly elected by the tribal membership and shall serve for three years. The Second Chief and Secretary/Treasurer shall be appointed annually after the tribal election, by a majority vote of the Tribal Council.

Section 4. Qualifications for Serving on the Tribal Council . Enrolled tribal members who are 18 years of age or older, and who have resided in the Nenana area for at least one consecutive year immediately prior to the election, is eligible to hold a position on the Native Council. Exceptions to the 'one consecutive year' shall be made for temporary

absences from the village for seasonal work, training, illnesses, and other such reasons of a temporary nature. The establishment of a residence outside Nenana or a felony conviction of a Tribal Council member or other tribal officer during the term of office shall disqualify the Tribal Council member from continuing in office for the remaining term of such office. In the event that Nenana tribal council members are also tribal court judges, they shall not be eligible to serve as a tribal court judge for children's cases if they have been convicted of felonies, sexual offences, or misdemeanor offenses listed under the Indian Child Protection and Family violence Prevention Act of 1990.

Section 5. Quorum. Five (5) Native Council members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Native Council, unless a larger number is specifically required by this Constitution or by tribal ordinance. The council members may meet either in person or be telephonically connected to meetings if they are out of the Village. A member having a conflict of interest on a matter considered at a tribal council meeting shall be considered present for the purposes of establishing a quorum of the Council.

Section 6. Terms of Office and Annual Elections. Native Council members shall hold office for a term of three (3) years, provided that shorter terms may be used to initiate staggering. Elections for tribal council members shall be held each year in December, with 3 council members being elected each year. A record shall be kept in the Nenana Tribal Office of when each person was elected and when each person's term expires.

Section 7. Conflict of Interest. No Council member shall vote on any matter in which they cannot make a fair decision for any reason that makes them unreasonably biased. Such matters include but are not limited to hiring and firing employees, employment contracts, project funding, project allocations, and appointments to tribal committees, in which he or she has a personal interest. A personal interest includes direct benefit to his or herself, or involvement of his or her spouse or significant other, first degree relatives,

any person living in the same household, or any person with whom they have a romantic relationship. Council members present when such an issue is decided shall reveal such conflicts prior to any vote. A member having a conflict of interest on a matter considered at a tribal council meeting shall be considered present for the purposes of establishing a quorum of the Council.

ARTICLE 5 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Assuming Duties. The elected First Chief shall assume his or her duties immediately upon being elected. The other officers of the Council shall be determined annually after the December elections, and shall assume their duties immediately upon being appointed.

Section 2. Chain of Command and Decision Making. During meetings, the Council shall make decisions by consensus when possible and by majority vote when consensus is not possible. The chain of command for chairing Council meetings shall be the First Chief, the Second Chief, and then the Secretary when the First and Second Chiefs are not available to chair a Council meeting. When the Council is not meeting, the First Chief shall generally represent the Tribe, subject to any limitation that might be provided by tribal law or resolution. In the absence of the First Chief, the Second Chief shall undertake this responsibility. In the absence of the First and Second Chiefs, the Secretary shall.

Section 3. First Chief. The First Chief shall preside over meetings of the Council and of the Tribe. The First Chief shall provide general supervision for the affairs and representation of the Nenana Tribal Council and Tribe, subject to any limitation that might be provided by tribal law or resolution. The First Chief shall not have the authority to approve contracts, grants over \$5,000, leases, loans and other documents that commit significant tribal resources without an affirmative vote of at least 5 tribal council members.

Section 4. Second Chief. The Second Chief shall preside over meetings of the Council and of the Tribe in the absence of the First Chief. The Second Chief shall provide general supervision over the affairs of the Tribe and Tribal Council in the absence of the Chief, subject to any limitation that might be provided by tribal law or resolution. When the First Chief is present in the Village, the Second Chief shall assist the First Chief in the general operation of Council affairs.

Section 5 Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer shall preside at meetings of the Tribal Council in the absence of the First and Second Chiefs. The Secretary/Treasurer shall give financial reports as requested by the Council. The Secretary/Treasurer shall take or delegate the taking of minutes of all meetings. The Secretary/Treasurer shall issue or delegate the duty of issuing notices of all meetings and elections. Upon vacating his or her office, the Secretary/Treasurer shall immediately turn over all the records and papers in his or her possession to his or her successor or to the Council.

ARTICLE 6 - REMOVAL, RECALL, FORFEITURE, AND VACANCIES

Section 1. Removal. Any member of the Native Council found guilty by the Native Council of neglect of duty, gross misconduct in office, or an offense involving dishonesty may be removed from office by the Native Council by at least six (6) Native Council members voting in favor by secret ballot, provided, that such member shall first be given ten (10) days notice in writing of the charges against him or her and be given an opportunity to answer such charges before the Native Council. If the person subject to removal fails to appear before the Council, the Council shall proceed with the vote as scheduled. No member of the Native Council shall preside over the meeting at which his or her removal is being considered. All questions of removal under this Section shall be resolved by the Native Council and the decision of the Native Council shall be final.

Section 2. Recall. Any member of the Native Council may be recalled by the tribal voters through a petition and election process. A valid petition requesting such recall, signed by at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the resident tribal voters, shall be presented to the Native Council. The Native Council shall call a special election to consider the recall of the named Native Council member within thirty (30) days upon receiving the petition, in accordance with Article 8, Section 4. If the majority of the voters vote in favor of the recall, the official shall be removed. No official may be subjected to recall proceedings more than once in the course of his or her term. If the Council fails to call a special election to consider the recall, the general membership may hold a general membership meeting to conduct the recall election according to the provisions of Article 6, Section 5(B).

Section 3. Forfeiture. Any member of the Native Council who submits a written resignation, is convicted of a felony involving an offense of moral turpitude while in office, moves out of the Nenana area, or is absent from three successive regular meetings of the Native Council without being excused by the Council shall automatically forfeit his or her position on the Council.

Section 4. Vacancies. Vacancies on the Nenana Tribal Council shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the Native Council. A Tribal Council member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve the un-expired portion of the term, provided that a vacancy in the First Chief position shall only be filled by appointment until the next regular election.

ARTICLE 7 - MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings of the Nenana Tribal Council. Regular meetings of the Council shall be held monthly: the time, place and date to be designated by the Council. Notice of these meetings shall be posted at least one week prior to meetings in public

places in Nenana and may additionally be otherwise advertised. All meetings shall be open to the general membership.

Section 2. Special Meetings of the Nenana Tribal Council. A quorum of the Council or the Chief, or the Second Chief may call a special meeting upon giving at least twenty-four (24) hours notice to tribal members. Notice shall be posted in public places in the Village.

Section 3. Emergency Meetings. The Council may meet for an emergency meeting without notice only when emergency circumstances warrant such a meeting. 'Emergencies' are situations involving immediate health, safety, and welfare issues. Only emergency business may be conducted at emergency meetings, and decisions of a temporary nature made.

Section 4. Executive Session. The Native Council may move to meet in a closed executive session during regular, special, or emergency meetings of the Native Council when the subject matter concerns child welfare, personnel, litigation, and other matters made confidential by tribal ordinance. Executive sessions may only be held at the end of meetings, when all other business has already been conducted.

Section 5. General Tribal Membership Meetings.

- A. **Quorum for General Membership Meetings:** A quorum for general membership meetings shall be 30% of the resident tribal voters.

- B. **Annual General Membership Meeting:** A general Tribal Membership Meeting shall be held each year in December, with a minimum of 30 days notice to tribal members.

- C. **Calling General Membership Meetings:** Additional general tribal membership meetings may be called by an affirmative vote of at least 5 tribal council members,

provided that the First Chief or the Second Chief are among the five and a minimum of 30 days notice is given to the tribal members.

- D. **Tribal Members Assembling a General Membership Meeting:** General membership meetings may also be held by assembling a quorum of thirty percent (30%) of the resident tribal voters, upon signed petition of at least 30% of the resident tribal voters calling for a general membership meeting, and notice posted in at least three public locations in Nenana, a minimum of two weeks prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE 8 - ELECTIONS

Section 1. Voter Qualifications. Any enrolled tribal member of the Nenana Native Village, eighteen (18) years of age or older who is physically present at an election shall be qualified to vote.

Section 2. General Guidelines for Elections. All elections shall be conducted by secret balloting. The outcome of an election shall be determined by a simple majority of the qualified voters casting their votes during the election unless otherwise specified by this Constitution or by Ordinance.

Section 3. Tribal Council Elections. Elections for Nenana Tribal Council positions shall be held in December in Nenana. The Native Council shall set the date and shall give at least two (2) weeks notice of such elections. These notices shall be posted in public places in Nenana prior to such elections, and otherwise advertised.

Section 4. Special Elections. The Council may, by resolution, call a special election for the purposes of deciding a referendum, initiative, or recall, upon giving at least two (2) weeks notice to the tribal members. Notice shall be posted in public places in Nenana. Notices shall contain information concerning what the special election is about.

Section 5. Election Committee. The Council shall appoint an election committee of at least two tribal members to supervise, administer, and conduct all tribal elections. The election judges shall certify the election results. For elections for the tribal council positions, no election judge shall at the same time be a candidate for a position on the Council.

Section 6. Election Ordinance. An election ordinance, consistent with this Constitution, may be adopted by the Council which shall set forth the procedures to be followed in conducting each of the various types of elections called for in this Constitution.

ARTICLE 9 - POWERS OF THE NENANA NATIVE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Section 1. General Powers. Except as specifically limited by this Constitution or by tribal ordinance, the Council shall exercise the powers of the Tribe. The powers of the Tribe shall include all the inherent powers of a federally recognized tribe that do not violate federal law, including but not limited to those specified in this Article.

Section 2. Internal Procedures. Consistent with this Constitution, the Council may enact ordinances to govern its internal procedures and organization and to further define the duties of the officers.

Section 3. Native Council Powers. In addition to all powers vested in the Tribe or the Native Council by existing law and this Constitution, the Tribe acting through the Council, shall have the following powers:

- a. To consult, negotiate, contract, oversee, or conclude agreements with and make recommendations to federal, state, local, and tribal governments on activities which may affect the Nenana Native Village.

- b. To promote and protect the peace, health, education, and general welfare of the members of the Native Village, including the establishment of a tribal court system, and to administer services that contribute to the social and economic development of the Native Village and its members.
- c. To levy and collect taxes, fees, and assessments for tribal purposes.
- d. To encourage, guard and foster traditional cultural practices of the Nenana people, including the arts, crafts, religion, language, and customs of the Native people of Nenana.
- e. To prevent the sale, disposition, lease, or encumbrance of tribal lands, interests in lands, or other tribal assets without the consent of the Nenana Native Village.
- f. Except as limited by Article 10 of this Constitution, to manage, sell, lease, exchange, acquire, or otherwise deal with tribal or other property.
- g. To acquire property and accept gifts on behalf of the Tribe.
- h. To secure bank loans, acquire grants, administer tribal assets including funds, and manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Native Village.
- i. To engage in tribal economic development enterprises for the benefit of tribal members.
- j. To provide for the maintenance of law and order and the administration of justice, including the establishment of appropriate tribal courts or other judicial bodies.
- k. To charter enterprises, corporations, and associations for the benefit of tribal members.

- l. To enact ordinances consistent with this Constitution for the conduct and administration of all tribal functions.
- m. To regulate inheritance among members whether by intestacy or otherwise.
- n. To administer any funds within the control of the Native Village.
- o. To regulate child custody and other domestic relations among members.
- p. To protect and preserve the wildlife and natural resources within the area under the jurisdiction of the Native Village or the area which its members rely upon for subsistence.
- q. To regulate and control the use of natural resources within the area under the jurisdiction of the Native Village, or which otherwise affect the health, safety, or economic well-being of the Native Village.
- r. To choose and employ legal counsel, and fix fees to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Interior or his authorized representative only so long as such approval is required by federal law.
- s. To join and/or charter housing authorities.
- t. To protect members' rights in personal property.
- u. To zone, exercise the power of eminent domain and otherwise regulate all land use within those areas under the jurisdiction of the Native Village.
- v. To enact ordinances, procedures and regulations necessary to give effect to any provision of this Constitution and to exercise any power not prohibited by federal law.

Section 4. Omissions. Any rights and powers vested in the Nenana Native Village but not expressly referred to in this Constitution shall not be lost by reason of their omission, but may be exercised by the Council unless expressly prohibited by this Constitution or by Tribal Ordinance.

ARTICLE 10 - POWERS RESERVED TO MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Tribal Lands. The following powers are specifically reserved to the qualified voters of the Nenana Native Village acting through a general membership meeting or a properly called election:

- (a) No lands or interests in Lot 1 - Block 2, Lot 15 - Block 2, or Lot 14 - Block 2 may be sold, leased for longer than 10 years, encumbered or disposed of without the affirmative vote of at least 51% percent of the resident tribal voters. Additionally, the Council may add other land to this protective status through the adoption of an ordinance specifying such land.

- (b) Nothing in this Article shall prohibit the Native Council from establishing and administering a tribal land assignment program as established by ordinance.

Section 2. Tribal Sovereign Immunity. Nenana Native tribal voters reserve the right to vote on waivers of sovereign immunity from claims by a non-governmental entity over \$150,000 in value or any claim by any entity seeking execution against tribal lands. Such a waiver requires a minimum of 51% of the resident tribal voters casting a vote, and the outcome shall be determined by majority of those voting.

Section 3. Other Issues. The Nenana Native Village tribal voters reserve the right to vote on the amendment or repeal of this Constitution under the terms of Article 14. Specific tribal ordinances may require a referendum vote of the tribal members prior to

amendment or repeal. An election on an initiative shall be called by the Council after ascertaining that sufficient numbers of qualified voters have signed a petition calling for an election.

ARTICLE 11 - POPULAR PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT

Section 1. Initiative. The qualified voters of the Tribe shall have the right to propose and repeal ordinances and resolutions not inconsistent with this Constitution or tribal ordinances, through a valid petition signed by at least 30% of the resident tribal voters. The petition shall be submitted to the Nenana Tribal Council. The Council shall then call an election to be conducted by the election judges no later than 30 days after receipt of the petition. If the Council fails to act on the petition, the ordinance or resolution may be brought before a general membership meeting. An affirmative vote by a majority of tribal voters at a general membership meeting where a quorum has been established shall be required to adopt or repeal such ordinances or resolutions.

Section 2. Referendum. The Council, by an affirmative vote of at least 6 of its members, one of whom must be either the First or Second Chief, may refer issues to the tribal membership in a tribal election. Such an election shall be conducted by the election committee within sixty (60) days of such Council decision. An affirmative vote by a majority of the tribal voters at a general membership meeting where a quorum is established shall be required to determine the Tribe's position on the issue submitted to a vote, or, a poll with prior notification may be held.

Section 3. Initiative and Referendum Decisions. The decision of the voters in both initiative and referendum elections shall be binding on the Council and the Tribe and shall remain in full force until amended or rescinded by subsequent action of the voters or expires by its own terms.

ARTICLE 12 - RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Access to Tribal Records. Tribal members shall have the right to review all tribal records, including financial records during office hours in accordance with procedures established by the Native Council except in child welfare cases, tribal enrollment records, litigation, personnel, and other issues made confidential by tribal ordinance.

Section 2. Open Native Council Meetings. Tribal members have the right to be present at all Council meetings except during executive session of the Council.

Section 3. Indian Civil Rights. The Tribe shall provide to all persons within its jurisdiction the rights guaranteed by the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended. In summary, the tribal government shall:

- (1) Not prohibit the free exercise of speech, press, religion, or rights of the people to assemble peacefully or file grievances against the tribal government.
- (2) Not allow unreasonable search and seizure or issue search warrants without probable cause.
- (3) Not try anyone for the same offense twice.
- (4) Not make any person testify against himself in a criminal matter.
- (5) Not take private property for public use without paying the owner the fair market value.
- (6) Not deny a person the right to a speedy public trial. A speedy trial is generally assumed to be a trial within 90 days or less. The accused person

must be informed of the nature of the crime he is accused of, told about the witnesses against him, be allowed to have witnesses testify in his favor and be allowed a lawyer at his own expense.

- (7) Not impose excessive bail or fines, nor impose cruel or unusual punishments. Tribal courts cannot impose a penalty greater than \$5,000 or one (1) year in jail, or both for any one offense.
- (8) Give all persons equal protection under tribal laws.
- (9) Not pronounce anyone guilty of a crime or civil violation without a fair trial. The tribal government shall not pass an ordinance and charge a person with a violation of that ordinance or change penalties, for an incident that occurred prior to the enactment of the ordinance (Ex Post Facto).
- (10) Provide anyone accused of an offense punishable by jail time the right to a trial by jury of no less than six (6) persons.

ARTICLE 13 - SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY OF THE NENANA NATIVE VILLAGE

Section 1. Waivers of Sovereign Immunity

The Council may enact resolutions to waive any immunity from suit or execution subject to the terms of this section. This section shall be strictly construed and ambiguities as to the terms of any waiver shall be construed in favor of finding immunity of the Tribe.

- A. **Waivers and the Indian Civil Rights Act:** Nothing in this Constitution shall be deemed, interpreted or construed to be a waiver of any immunity from suit or execution against tribal property that the Nenana Native Village Tribe possesses, under tribal, state or federal law, provided however, persons subject to the jurisdiction of the Tribe may bring claims against the Nenana Native Village tribal

government in the Nenana Native Village Tribal Court, arising under the terms of the Indian Civil Right Act for injunctive relief.

- B. **Waivers of Sovereign Immunity for Grants, Contracts, or Compacts:** The Council may waive tribal sovereign immunity for the purposes specific to governmental and other types of grants, contracts, or compacts. A resolution waiving any immunity from suit or execution shall be passed by an affirmative vote of at least 6 Council members, and evidenced by a written document contemporaneously signed by Council members voting in favor of passage. The Council shall not enact any waiver of immunity for claims except for the purposes of satisfying the conditions or requirements of a grant, contract or compact, which are generally applicable.

- C. **Claims by non-governmental entity over \$150,000 or over tribal lands:** Any resolution waiving any immunity from suit for claims by a non-governmental entity over \$150,000 in value, or claim by any entity seeking execution against tribal lands shall require a vote of the tribal membership. Such a waiver requires a minimum of 51% of the resident tribal voters casting a vote, and the outcome shall be determined by majority of those voting.

- D. **Waivers shall be specific:** Waivers of immunity shall not be general, but must specify the parties who may bring an action against the Tribe, duration for bringing a cause of action, the amount of funds or other property upon which execution may be had, the nature of the transaction giving rise to claims, and any other limitations deemed appropriate by the Council.

- E. **Waivers made prior to the adoption of this Constitution:** Upon adoption of this Constitution, all prior waivers of immunity to suit or execution of the Nenana Native Village Tribe shall be void, unless claims arising under such waivers are brought within two years of adoption of this Constitution or such waivers comply with this section.

ARTICLE 14 – AMENDMENTS OR REPEAL

This Constitution may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the tribal voters of the Nenana Native Village voting in an election called for that purpose, provided that at least thirty percent (30%) of the resident tribal voters vote in such election, and that notice was posted in public places in the Village of Nenana for at least 30 days prior to such election.

ARTICLE 15 - SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Constitution shall, in the future, be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid provision shall be severed and the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 16 – SAVINGS CLAUSE

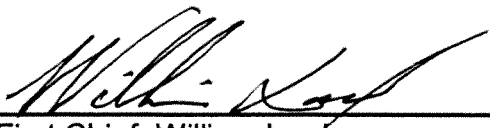
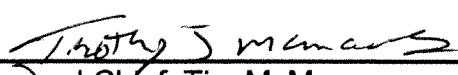
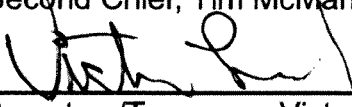
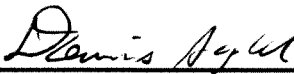
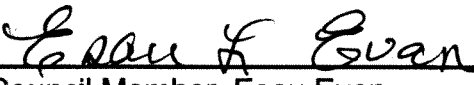
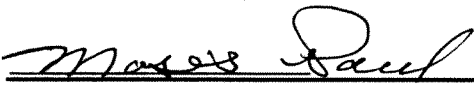

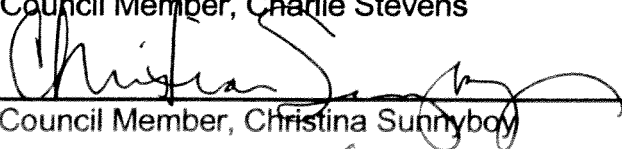

All tribal legislation enacted prior to adoption of this Constitution shall remain in effect unless inconsistent with this Constitution.

ADOPTION OF THIS CONSITUTION

This Constitution shall be adopted by a majority vote of the tribal voters of the Nenana Native Village voting in an election called for that purpose in which at least thirty percent (30%) of the resident tribal voters vote in such election.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION RESULTS

This Constitution of the Nenana Native Village amends the Traditional Constitution of the Nenana Native Village adopted on December 7, 1996. This Constitution was submitted to the qualified tribal voters on **December 13, 2008** and was duly (adopted) on by a vote of 9 for, and 0 against the adoption of this Constitution in an election in which at least thirty percent (30%) of the resident tribal voters cast their ballots.

 First Chief, William Lord	<u>01-07-09</u> Date
 Second Chief, Tim McManus	<u>02-07-09</u> Date
 Secretary/Treasurer, Victor Lord	<u>1-07-09</u> Date
 Council Member, Dennis Argall	<u>1-07-09</u> Date
 Council Member, Esau Evan	<u>1-07-09</u> Date
 Council Member, Moses Paul	<u>1-07-09</u> Date
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