



**THE ALASKA NATIVE VILLAGE CORPORATION ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RESOLUTION 19-01**

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DONLIN GOLD
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, The Alaska Native Village Corporation Association (hereinafter “ANVCA”) is a statewide organization that promotes the success of Village Corporations and protection of Native lands and

WHEREAS, The vision of ANVCA is to support the mission with projects and activities that provide education to Village Corporations, advocacy for Village Corporations, outreach to and inclusion of Village Corporations, and Village Corporation sustainability; and

WHEREAS, ANVCA takes a proactive approach to policy changes and legislation that will affect the interest of Village Corporations with local, state and federal governments and serves as an officially recognized voice to promote responsible resource management and resource developmental policies for the interests of Village Corporations; and

WHEREAS, the ANCSA regional and village corporations are designed to provide maximum involvement by the shareholders and to promote the health, welfare, and educational opportunities of their shareholders and their families; and

WHEREAS, after ANCSA became law on December 18, 1971, each of the twelve regional corporation’s leaders selected lands for the purpose of responsible natural resource development for the benefit of their shareholders; and

WHEREAS, after years of extensive exploration and baseline environmental studies, Calista Corporation (“Calista”), The Kuskokwim Corporation (“TKC”), and Donlin Gold, LLC, began developing plans and initiating necessary agreements and permit applications for the development of mining in the region; and

WHEREAS, Donlin Gold, LLC, Calista, and TKC have engaged in extensive consultation with tribal members and shareholders by hosting more than 570 meetings over the last fifteen years with organizations in communities throughout the Calista region, and by conducting many other meetings throughout Alaska to develop a culturally sensitive and environmentally responsible plan for developing the Donlin Gold Project; and

WHEREAS, such plans were developed and refined to ensure the mining would be done in an environmentally responsible manner as evidenced by the joint record of decision issued by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the United



States Bureau of Land Management on August 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Donlin Gold, Calista and TKC are committed to developing mining operations in a way that will create an environmentally sound mine, support and promote the subsistence way of life, while also improving infrastructure for the communities of the TKC region and Calista region that will result in many direct and indirect economic benefits for years to come; and

WHEREAS, the Donlin Gold Project will greatly enhance the overall economic development of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Donlin Gold Project will contribute statewide through tax payments and ANCSA 7(i) and 7(j) distributions which will benefit the shareholders and families of the 12 ANCSA regional corporations and more than 170 village corporations; and

WHEREAS, the Donlin Gold Project will benefit thousands of Native people throughout Alaska.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Native Village Corporation Association supports the Donlin Gold Project to the extent that it can be done in an environmentally sound manner that preserves the integrity of the Kuskokwim River and its related resources.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT we, NAME/TITLE on behalf of the Alaska Native Village Corporation Association members are the sponsors; AND that this Resolution 19-01 was considered and adopted by a duly authorized vote for which a quorum was present and voting; AND that the vote was 8 for; 0 against; 1 abstain.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22nd Day of March, 2019

Signed: _____

Nathan McCowan, Alaska Native Village Corporations Association, Chairman of the Board
Date _____

Signed: _____

Attest, Nancy Andrew, Alaska Native Village Corporation Association Secretary

Date _____