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**ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES, INC.**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
BOARD RESOLUTION 04-01**

**TITLE:** SUPPORT OF DOYON, LIMITED LAND EXCHANGE WITH  
UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

**WHEREAS:** the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) is a Statewide Alaska Native Organization representing a substantial population in the State; and

**WHEREAS:** Doyon Limited (Doyon), one of the twelve Alaska based Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) regional corporations is a member of AFN in good standing; and

**WHEREAS:** Doyon has negotiated an agreement in principle with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to exchange certain lands each party owns within the boundaries of the 11 million acre Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge (YFNWR); and

**WHEREAS:** Doyon owns over one million acres of ANCSA surface and subsurface lands throughout the YFNWR and has agreed to trade portions of these lands containing wildlife habitat of national and international significance; in return FWS has agreed to trade lands of lesser habitat value, but containing possible economic concentrations of oil and gas; and

**WHEREAS:** some of Doyon's ANCSA lands which are not part of the proposed trade are adjacent to the proposed FWS exchange lands also may contain economic concentrations of oil and gas; and

**WHEREAS:** the proposed exchange will benefit the USFWS mission through the preservation of fish and wildlife habitat, and enhance long-term refuge management; and

**WHEREAS:** the proposed exchange can produce significant economic and social benefits as well as statewide benefits including revenue sharing with Native corporations in all regions of the State of Alaska under the provisions of Section 7(i) of ANCSA; and

WHEREAS: Doyon has worked with the communities of the Yukon Flats over the past two years providing information and soliciting input regarding the exchange; and several changes have been made to the agreement as a result of these consultations; and

WHEREAS: the Birch Creek Tribal Council has strongly endorsed the proposed exchange by resolution on October 8, 2004 (attached); Birch Creek is the community closest to the exchange lands that might be developed; and

WHEREAS: the Association of ANCSA Regional Corporation Presidents/CEOs also has endorsed the exchange;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) that AFN supports the Yukon Flats land exchange efforts of Doyon, Limited which could lead to statewide economic and social benefits, and local community sustainability.

Adopted and dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2004 at Anchorage, Alaska.



  
Julie Kitka, President