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**SUPPORTING MEDICAID EXPANSION IN ALASKA**  
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10

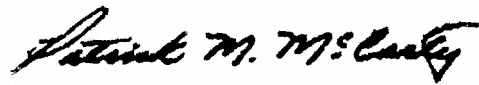
- WHEREAS,** the Affordable Care Act (ACA) provides states with additional funding to expand their Medicaid program to cover adults under the age of 65 and children under the age of 18 who live slightly above the federal poverty level; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska has chosen not to participate in Medicaid expansion; however, Governor Walker is seriously considering it; and
- WHEREAS,** Alaska's Medicaid program is unsustainable as currently designed and needs reform in order to best serve the health of Medicaid beneficiaries, operate more efficiently for providers, and improve value; and
- WHEREAS,** nearly 42,000 Alaskans, including almost 6,000 in the Interior, would be eligible for health coverage under Medicaid expansion in Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** studies have shown that Medicaid expansion improves health outcomes by reducing the number of uninsured Alaskans by half, improving preventative and primary care access, and providing substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling; and
- WHEREAS,** studies have also shown that there are significant economic benefits associated with Medicaid expansion, which will bring more than \$1 billion in new federal revenue to our state, 4,000 new jobs, \$1.2 billion more in wages and salaries paid to Alaskans, and \$2.49 billion in increased economic activity over the first five years; and
- WHEREAS,** Other benefits of Medicaid Expansion include bringing Alaska tax dollars back to Alaska and potentially stabilizing rising insurance premiums and medical prices by reducing uncompensated care that health providers currently provide to Alaskans with no insurance coverage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors supports Medicaid expansion for Alaska.

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 18, 2015 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

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Pat McCarty  
Secretary/Treasurer

