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**ALASKA NATIVE MANAGEMENT BOARD SUPPORTS RESEARCH PROJECT:  
EFFECTS OF RAPID GLOBAL CHANGES ON LIVING CONDITIONS  
AMONG ARCTIC NATIVE PEOPLES**

**WHEREAS**, the indigenous peoples of the Arctic share a number of economic, cultural, spiritual and environmental conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, rapid change characterises all indigenous peoples of the Arctic; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to document and compare the present state of living conditions and the development among the indigenous peoples of the Arctic; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that there be local participation in the research process to ensure

- The inclusion of indigenous principles and values; and
- That indigenous peoples and their representative bodies have knowledge of and a vested interest in participating in this study to the greatest extent possible; and

**WHEREAS**, we have formed the Alaska Native Management Board to oversee the project;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Native organizations represented on the Alaska Native Management Board, support the research project being implemented by an international project team under the guidance of Statistics Greenland: *Survey of Living Conditions in The Arctic: Inuit, Iñupiat, Yupik, Saami, and The Indigenous Peoples of Chukotka*, which will address these issues in partnership and collaboration with local and regional organisations in each country where research is conducted; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the organizations represented on the Alaska Native Management Board will work with the University of Alaska, Institute of Social and Economic Research and the international team to carry out the proposed research to benefit Native people.

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