BLM Alaska
Resource Advisory Council
Resolution 12-02
April 19, 2012

The following resolution was approved by a quorum of council members present during a vote at the April 19, 2012 council meeting held in Anchorage, Alaska, Council chair Scott Hala presiding. The resolution was forwarded to BLM State Director Bud Cribley.

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Cadastral Survey Program is one of the oldest and fundamental functions of the US Government; and

WHEREAS, Cadastral Surveys provide the foundation of our national land tenure system, creating, reestablishing, marking, and defining land ownership boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the BLM has mandates pursuant to The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and the Alaska Statehood Act, which require that the BLM perform a Cadastral Survey of all lands conveyed to Alaska Native Corporations, as well as to the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 16 million acres of ANCSA lands and 44.5 million acres of State lands remaining to be surveyed before BLM can grant patent; and

WHEREAS, the RAC understands that Cadastral Survey of ANCSA lands is a Federal mandate and that BLM must complete the land conveyances to ANCSA Corporations and to the State of Alaska, and to finalize the surveys as quickly as possible so that all lands are patented; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RAC recommends that BLM continue to comply with ANCSA and the Alaska Statehood Act and expeditiously complete the Cadastral Survey to all Native and State lands so that it can grant final patent as intended by Congress.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the BLM Alaska Resource Advisory Council by a vote of 12 in favor and 0 opposed, and 3 not present.

Scott Hala

Scott Hala, Chair Alaska RAC

4-19-12

Date