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RESOLUTION 12-10-08

**TITLE: ELDERS 70 YEARS AND OVER EXEMPTION FROM
 SUBSISTENCE RESTRICTIONS AND CLOSURES**

- WHEREAS The Association of Village Council Presidents, Inc. (AVCP) is the recognized tribal organization and non-profit Alaska Native regional corporation for its fifty-six member indigenous Native villages within Western Alaska and supports the endeavors of its member villages; and
 - WHEREAS AVCP fully supports its member villages in all aspects of their self-determination, health and well-being; and
 - WHEREAS we have Elders that are the age of 70 and over and their Tribes are Federally recognized Tribe; and
 - WHEREAS these Elders are active and capable of subsistence fishing on both the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers; and
 - WHEREAS these Elders deserve to subsistence fish without any restrictions on any given day even on both State and Federal Subsistence closures; and
 - WHEREAS these Elders from the Federally Recognized Tribes from both Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers heavily depend on salmon resources to feed their families; and
 - WHEREAS it is important that these Elders practice the subsistence way of life for both cultural and traditional way, it is an aboriginal right; and
 - WHEREAS these Elders have lived a hard life only on fixed income all their lives; and
 - WHEREAS during State and Federal Subsistence closures they suffer spiritually, physically, and emotionally depressed; and
 - WHEREAS the Subsistence closures jeopardizes the health, lives, and well-being of these Elders; and
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT; capable Elders at the age of 70 years and over that are members of the Federally Recognized Tribes from both the Yukon

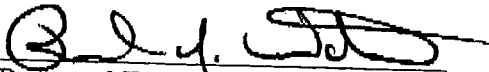
and Kuskokwim Rivers be exempt from any subsistence restrictions and closures; and

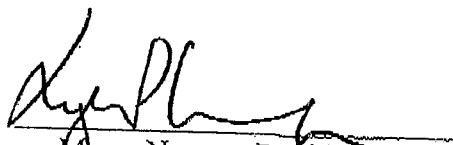
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT those elders 70 years or older are no longer physically capable to fish themselves may give their proxy to an immediate family member to fish on their behalf and be exempt from any subsistence restrictions and closures; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT; the full Governing Body of AVCP supports and passes this resolution for the sake of Elders 70 years and over who are capable of subsistence fishing on both the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers no longer suffer and be exempt from subsistence closures and restrictions; and

ADOPTED by the Association of Village Council Presidents during its forty-eighth annual convention held at Bethel, Alaska, this 4th day of October, 2012 with a duly constituted quorum of delegates.

CERTIFIED:


Raymond Watson, Chairman


Myron Naneng, President