

Elders & Youth Conference Resolutions Statement

In order to provide a resolution for the Elders & Youth (EY) conference attendees to consider, conference attendees are required to accept the responsibility to grow their knowledge and understanding of our commitment to protect our ways of life, and to pass along and/or accept knowledge from other Elders and youth involved in the process.

In agreeing to this, participants must take part in the **mandatory resolution workshop** on: **Tuesday October 20th** to aid each other in the development of resolutions that meet the requirements for submission and consideration. This process is a learning opportunity to strengthen the advocacy of our participants, advocating for the resolutions does not become the responsibility of First Alaskans Institute. Resolutions are required to be relevant to Elders & youth, about issues they care about, must go through the Resolutions Workshop, and meet the other requirements. In drafting and submitting resolutions, the participants understand that when Natives fight Natives, someone else is winning and commit to not submitting resolutions that divide our community. The purpose of EY resolutions is to advance and strengthen Native peoples, living up to our Native values as best as they can to address the issues being put forward. This is for us to continue to collectively indigenize processes which are not inherently part of our cultural norms.

All conference attendees are welcome to attend the workshop even if they are not planning on submitting a resolution as there will be advocacy training and opportunities to help those who want to draft resolutions. This is a hands-on workshop in learning to advocate for your community and use resolutions as a part of that important work.

EY Resolution Requirements:

- 1) Drafters and submitters must be registered participants in the Conference, though others are welcome to help in the drafting process,
- 2) Drafters and submitters must attend the **mandatory EY Resolution workshop** on Tuesday October 20th at and prepare their resolution using the resolution process and format described herein,
- 3) Resolutions must be statewide in nature, and Resolutions must not be controversial within our community – if two regions deem a resolution is divisive then the resolution will be held,
- 4) Must be submitted on time and in the correct format, as shared and announced during the mandatory Resolutions Workshop. The resolutions must be emailed to the correct person no later than the deadline. The email address will be provided at the workshop, and
- 5) Resolutions created at this workshop and voted on that are to be submitted to AFN Annual Convention 2026 are required to be submitted by a recognized Alaska Native delegate to the AFN Annual Convention, Alaska Native Group, or AFN member organizations.

First Alaskans Institute staff members will make the final determination on whether resolutions meet the requirements noted herein. If approved, they will move forward in the process for consideration. If not approved, drafters will be notified and told why, and if the drafter wants, FAI Staff can help after the conference to re-shape it for future use or other resolution opportunities the drafter may seek.

Deadline: Resolutions must be emailed to putuuqti@firstalaskans.org or delivered to Putuuqti by 6:00PM on Tuesday, October 20th to be eligible. Resolutions will not be accepted past this date/time. If you have questions, contact Putuuqti Kowalski at 907-677-1703.

***IMPORTANT UPDATE:** The submitter of a resolution may include in their resolution a request to have it transmitted to other organizations, such as AFN. If a resolution requests that it be transmitted to AFN, it is the submitters responsibility to find an AFN delegate to submit the resolution for consideration. The submitter must follow AFN's requirements to have it considered at their Annual Convention 2026. Contact us with any questions at the contact information listed above.