



QAGAN TAYAGUNGIN TRIBE
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RESOLUTION 12-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE QAGAN TAYAGUNGIN TRIBE OF SAND POINT
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED ISSUANCE OF J1 STUDENT VISAS
TO WORKERS IN SEAFOOD PROCESSING FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe is a sovereign federally recognized tribe authorized with government to government status with the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal Council is the governing body of the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe of Sand Point authorized by its constitution to act on behalf of the native tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe understands labor for the seafood processors is as important to the fishing industry as are robust fish returns; and

WHEREAS, seafood processing facilities in Alaska rely upon workers from other countries with J-1 student visas to operate during the fishing season; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of State may issue an interim final regulation preventing the issuance of J-1 student visas to workers in seafood processing facilities this fishing season; and

WHEREAS, this interim final regulation may become effective immediately without giving the public any opportunity to comment; and

WHEREAS, this regulation may become effective without allowing seafood processing facilities a reasonable amount of time to recruit and hire workers to replace those workers for the upcoming fishing season who have obtained, or plan to obtain, a J-1 student visa; and

WHEREAS, any failure to have a sufficient number of workers in a seafood processing facility would reduce the operating hours and production capacity of the facility and result in delivery limits being placed on the fishermen supplying the facility and in lost tax revenue to local communities; and

WHEREAS, the economy of the Sand Point is based primarily on the commercial fishing industry; and

WHEREAS, the majority of tribal families residing in Sand Point derive the majority of their household income from participating in the commercial fisheries; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in operating hours by seafood processing facilities would have a detrimental effect on the economic health of the native community;


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe of Sand Point expresses support for the continues issuance of J1 student visas to workers in seafood processing facilities and urges the U.S. Department of State not to issue a regulation preventing workers in seafood processing facilities from obtaining J-1 student visas.

CERTIFICATION:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS PASSED AND APPROVED BY A QUORUM OF THE QAGAN TAYAGUNGIN TRIBE VIA A PHONE POLL HELD ON THIS 23 DAY OF MARCH 2012, BY A QUORUM OF 6 YES, AND 0 NO VOTES.

ATTEST:


Rayette McGlashan, President


David O. Osterback, Secretary/Treasurer

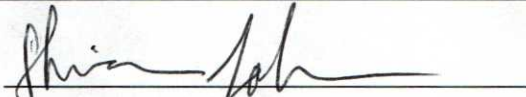
Phone Poll

THIS PHONE POLL IS IN REGARDS TO RESOLUTION 12-02, A RESOLUTION OF THE QAGAN TAYAGUNGIN TRIBE OF SAND POINT EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED ISSUANCE OF J1 STUDENT VISAS TO WORKERS IN SEAFOOD PROCESSING FACILITIES.

A call to each tribal council member was made on March 23, 2012.

Dick Jacobsen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
Edith I. Jacobsen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
Jason Bjornstad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
Rayette McGlashan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
David O. Osterback	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
Peter Devine Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain
Glen Gardner Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain

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Poll taken by Shiyonne Johnson

March 23, 2012
Date