



**Qagan Tayagungin Tribe  
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**A Resolution of the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Identifying the Lack of Adequate Broadband Internet Service at Reasonable Cost and Supporting Efforts to Obtain Grants and Other Funding and Collaborate On a Regional Solution to Bring Broadband Service to The Aleutian and Pribilof Region to Meet the Standard for Bandwidth, Speed, And Latency Established by The Statewide Broadband Task Force.**

**WHEREAS**, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe of Sand Point is a sovereign federally recognized tribe with 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; and

**WHEREAS**, broadband internet service has become a necessary communication tool for service delivery and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Statewide Broadband Task Force (SBTF)** recommended in its 2014 [A Blueprint for Alaska's Broadband Future](#) a goal of connectivity at a minimum rate of 100 megabits per second (mps) for every Alaskan household by 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the SBYTF further set a goal of no more than 20 milliseconds of latency (delay) for broadband service for each Alaskan household; and

**WHEREAS**, present speeds are a fraction of the 100 mps recommended standard and far exceed the 20 millisecond latency rate in Southwest Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, with today's technology the only way to obtain these SBTF goals is through a broadband delivery system based largely on a fiber optic network or a proposed constellation of low orbiting satellites that are designed to operate with greatly reduced latency; and

**WHEREAS**, challenging terrain, immense geographical separation from Alaska's Population center, and a widely dispersed population have made installation of the broadband infrastructure needed to provide internet service at the level recommended by the SBTF unattractive due to significant cost for private internet providers; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many examples in Alaska and in other parts of the country where public/private partnerships have been successful in constructing and operating broadband systems in remote areas with low population density; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous studies have documented how broadband service has ushered in advances in education, public safety, medical diagnoses and treatment, job training, job creation, business development and marketing, and many other facets of human endeavor; and

**WHEREAS**, lack of adequate broadband service is negatively impacting economic growth, safety, quality of life, education, medical care, and job creation potential for Southwest Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, broadband service is even more essential in areas like the Aleutian and Pribilof areas that are geographically remote; and

**WHEREAS**, broadband access and use needs to be affordable for lower income families and priced at levels roughly equal to service in Alaska's largest cities.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe recognizes the need for broadband service at affordable rates for Sand Point and strongly encourages and supports a project to address this lack of a basic communication service; and

**NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe supports efforts of a coalition of nonprofit groups and government organizations representing various constituencies and regions of Southwest Alaska to seek grant funding from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to look at all alternatives on how to bring affordable broadband service to Southwest Alaska within parameters recommended by the SBTF and determine how this new broadband infrastructure will be constructed, financed, and managed.

**CERTIFICATION:**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE QAGAN TAYAGUNGIN TRIBE BY A PHONE POLL CONDUCTED ON THE 21 DAY OF September, 2016, BY A QUORUM OF 4 YES, AND 0 NO VOTES.**

  
David Osterback, President

**ATTEST:**

  
Glen Gardner Jr., Secretary/ Treasurer



## Phone Poll

### Resolution 16-10

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<u>David Osterback</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain
<u>Dennis Gundersen</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain
<u>Glen Gardner Jr.</u>	Yes	No	Abstain
<u>Jason Bjornstad</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain
<u>Peter Devine Jr.</u>	Yes	No	Abstain
<u>Dick Jacobsen</u>	Yes	No	Abstain
<u>Alvin Osterback Jr.</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain

  
Poll taken by Wendy Gardner

9/21/2016

Date