



## The Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp – October 2023

## Resolution #23-01

Title: Oppose the Repeal of State of Alaska Rank Choice Voting

WHEREAS the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood are the world's oldest known indigenous civil rights organization, the Alaska Native Brotherhood formed November 5, 1912, to promote Native solidarity, achieve US citizenship, abolish racial prejudice, and secure economic equality. The Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood is committed to protecting, preserving, and promoting voting access and voting rights for Alaska's First People.

WHEREAS one in five Alaskans is of indigenous descent, and six in 10 Alaskans are nonpartisan.

WHEREAS Alaskans in 2020 voted to pass Ballot Measure 2, which created the open primary and ranked choice voting system and have all Alaskans more choice in their representation and a greater voice in their government.

WHEREAS the Repeal effort of Rank Choice Voting subverts the will of voters in repealing the open primary and ranked choice voting system; exacerbated polarization and hyper-partisanship, centralizes power within the hands of small groups of partisan voters, and discourages commonsense legislating and consensus-building.

WHEREAS the open primary and ranked choice voting system provides more opportunities for Alaska Natives, people of color, and the historically disenfranchised to run for public office and get elected.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in October 2023 support Rank Choice Voting Efforts which upholds the will of voters in protecting the open primary and rank choice voting election system. Submit resolution to State of Alaska-Chairman of the State Affairs House Committee; Chairman of State Affairs Senate Committee; Senate Judiciary Committee; House Judiciary Committee.

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