

# AVCP

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42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION  
BETHEL, ALASKA                      OCTOBER 3-5, 2006

## RESOLUTION 06-10-14

- TITLE:            AVCP MEMBER VILLAGES SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF THE DONLIN CREEK MINE PROJECT TO THE EXTENT THAT IT CAN BE DONE IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANNER THAT PRESERVES THE INTEGRITY OF THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER AND ITS RELATED SUBSISTENCE RESOURCES**
- WHEREAS    The Association of Village Council Presidents (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    The Donlin Creek Mine project is being developed outside of Crooked Creek; and
- WHEREAS    The Donlin Creek Mine project will require a substantial number of employees, many of whom will be shareholders of the Kuskokwim Corporation and Calista Corporation, in addition to being residents of AVCP member villages; and
- WHEREAS    The management of the Donlin Creek Joint Venture has committed to employing and training local people; and
- WHEREAS    The development of Donlin Creek Mine has benefits and risks to the developer and people of the AVCP region; and
- WHEREAS    The AVCP will continue to educate its members about the modern mining industry and state and federal laws and regulations that oversee the industry; and
- WHEREAS    The Donlin Creek Mine project needs the support of its neighbors along the Kuskokwim River; and

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WHEREAS Employment opportunities will improve the quality of life and help address social problems in our economically distressed area; and

WHEREAS The people of the Kuskokwim practice traditional subsistence gathering activities that depend on a healthy ecosystem; and

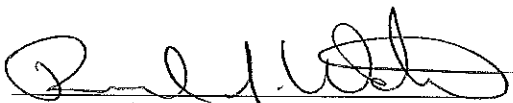
WHEREAS The KNA member Tribes plan to participate to the fullest extent in the federal NEPA process and the State large mine permitting process to ensure that subsistence resources and the environment are protected; and


WHEREAS The Donlin Creek Mine project will assist in the development of regional economic infrastructure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the development of Donlin Creek Mine must be done with maximum input and involvement from Kuskokwim River communities, especially those closest to the mine.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT AVCP's member villages support development of the Donlin Creek Mine project to the extent that it can be done in an environmentally sound manner that preserves the integrity of the Kuskokwim River and its related subsistence resources.

ADOPTED by the Association of Village Council Presidents during its Annual Convention held at Bethel, Alaska, this 4th day of October 2006 with a duly constituted quorum of delegates.

  
Raymond J. Watson, Chairman

  
Mylon P. Naneng, Sr., President

Sponsor: Kuskokwim Native Association