

Southeast Conference

Resolution 16-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST – U.S. FOREST SERVICE LAND EXCHANGE

WHEREAS, in 1956, Congress passed the Alaska Mental Health Enabling Act, entitling the Territory of Alaska to one million acres of federal land to be used for revenue generation to support mental health services in Alaska The Territory and State of Alaska selected land throughout the state under this entitlement, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority is a state corporation that administers the Alaska Mental Health Trust, a perpetual trust established for the benefit of Alaskans with mental illness, developmental disabilities, chronic alcoholism, and Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia. The Trust operates much like a private foundation, using its resources to team with the Alaska Legislature in funding the state’s mental health program, and

WHEREAS, the Trust owns about 18,000 acres of land that are primarily timber lands in and around the Southeast Alaska cities, towns and villages of , Juneau, Wrangell, Petersburg, Sitka, Meyers Chuck and Ketchikan, and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Conference is aware of known conflicts between residents of said Southeast Alaska communities and the Trust’s need to harvest timber on their land for revenue generation, and

WHEREAS, Land trades should, in the best way possible, be sensitive to the economic future of the communities in the region and not be to the detriment of any economic opportunity.

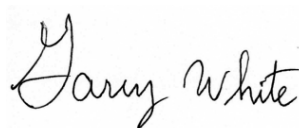
WHEREAS, the Alaska Mental Health Trust is proposing a value for value land exchange with the U.S. Forest Service The Trust, Forest Service and other parties have identified approximately 21,000 acres of timber lands in the Tongass National Forest (TNF) near Naukati, and Hollis on Prince of Wales Island and Shelter Cove and Gravina Island near Ketchikan, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Alaska Mental Health Trust - U.S. Forest Service – Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Exchange, if successful will aid in the stable supply of timber to the Alaska Timber Industry,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Southeast Conference supports the proposed land exchange between the U.S. Forest Service and the Alaska Mental Health Trust as presented at the packet dated September 4, 2012.

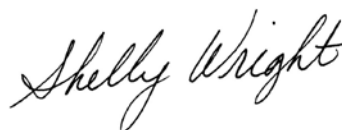
ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 AND IS DUE TO SUNSET ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2016.

Witness By:



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