



## **Resolution Committee for the Recognition and Celebration of Alaska Native Saints and Spiritual Leaders**

**Whereas**, Alaska Native spiritual leaders have served, inspired, and been honored by their communities for generations, yet remain officially unrecognized by the Diocese of Alaska and the wider Episcopal Church;

**Whereas**, Alaska Native culture, history, and leaders are an essential part of the Episcopal Church's past, present, and future, and should be preserved, remembered, and celebrated by all Episcopalians; and

**Whereas**, the vital work of collecting the stories of Alaska Native spiritual leaders will require time and effort that is beyond the scope of this Diocesan Convention:

**Be it therefore resolved**, that this 49th Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Church of Alaska petition the Bishop and Standing Committee to create an abiding committee for the collection of the names and stories of Alaska Native spiritual leaders, past and present, from across Alaska; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Deaneries be encouraged to work together to gather information about Native leaders from the underrepresented parishes of the Diocese of Alaska and to provide input to this committee; and

**Be it further resolved**, that this committee present the results of its first year of work to the 50th Diocesan Convention in 2025, for discussion by the Convention and its committees and for reception and archiving by the Diocesan administrative staff.

Respectfully submitted by,

The Resolution Committee, 49<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska