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CONFIRMATION OF TITLE TO LANDS

The Natives of Alaska have watched the tremendous growth in their State without having had a full opportunity to participate in that growth. The historical use and occupancy of the lands by the Natives for many centuries is indisputable. AFN proposes that the title of land heretofore used and occupied by the Natives be confirmed to them in the total amount of forty million acres in the manner specified below.

1. Each recognized Native village should have confirmed, subject to valid existing rights, a total of four townships, or 92,160 acres. Lands that have been tentatively approved for selection by the State of Alaska are to be included in the lands to be withdrawn on behalf of the Natives. All public lands withdrawn and subsequently conveyed shall be contiguous, except as separated by bodies of water, and shall be in units of not less than 1,280 acres. As provided in S.1830, each of the villages should be named in the legislation, and the land withdrawals should be made by the legislation. Since the population of the vil-