

federation in connection with legislation pertaining to the settlement of the lands issue.

4. Appropriations - Sufficient funds should be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the duties required of him under the Settlement Act.

#### CONCLUSION

Because of the past failures to settle Native land claims in Alaska, almost all of the State's 365 million acres are in controversy. The Native people have asserted their rights under aboriginal title to almost all of the land. However, the Native people recognize their duties as citizens and urge the Congress to provide a prompt and just settlement. A final resolution of all the claims will be of substantial benefit to the Natives, the State of Alaska, and to the United States.

AFN believes that the proposals submitted above constitute an appropriate formula for settlement. The essential ingredients of land grants, compensation, and shares in future revenues may perhaps be mixed in different proportions if the overall result is substantially the same. In AFN's judgment, the above formula represents the best solution. If the State of Alaska, and the Native people who are its citizens, are to advance, an effective solution must be promptly found by the Congress.

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