

NATIVE VILLAGE OF VENETIE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT
VENETIE VILLAGE COUNCIL
ARCTIC VILLAGE COUNCIL

Resolution 2018-02

*A Resolution Recognizing Sarah James as Elder Advisor Spokesperson for the Neets'qij
Gwich'in for the Protection of the Porcupine Caribou Herd and the Gwich'in Way of Life*

WHEREAS: The Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government, Arctic Village Council, and Venetie Village Council are the federally recognized Tribal Governments of the Neets'qij Gwich'in people of the Venetie Indian Reserve; and

WHEREAS: The health and wellbeing of the Porcupine Caribou Herd is inextricably linked to the health and wellbeing of the Gwich'in; they are essential to our culture, health, economic and food security and have been for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS: The health, productivity, and migration of the Porcupine Caribou Herd is dependent upon the protection of their habitat, namely their birthing grounds within the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; and

WHEREAS: Sarah James was appointed a lifetime Spokesperson of the Gwich'in Nation at the 1988 Gwich'in Gathering in Arctic Village; and

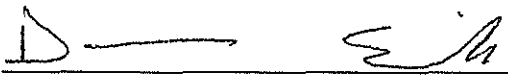
WHEREAS: We acknowledge and honor Sarah James's expertise and her 30 years of commitment, dedication, and service to protect the Gwich'in way of life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government, Arctic Village Council, and Venetie Village Council recognize and authorize Sarah James as an Elder Advisor Spokesperson to advocate on behalf of our Tribal Governments to protect the Porcupine Caribou Herd, their habitat and birthing grounds.


This Resolution remains in effect until rescinded. Certified on this Day of May 22, 2018 in Arctic Village, Alaska.



Steve Frank, First Chief, Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government



Dennis Erick, First Chief, Venetie Village Council



James John, First Chief, Arctic Village Council