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## RESOLUTION 2019-02

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PURPOSE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ADOPTING THE GOALS OF THE AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Solomon, is a federally recognized tribe, governed by a Traditional Council, and is a displaced community located approximately 34 miles east of Nome, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Solomon (tribe) has potential to use renewable energy sources such as wind, solar or other energy sources as alternative to burning fossil fuels contributing to the catastrophic increase of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the tribe's local economic development plan recognizes that climate change constitutes one of the greatest threats facing the peoples of the world today, and that Indigenous Peoples are often the most severely impacted by the effects of climate change and are facing immediate and significant impacts on their ways of life from climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Outcome Document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples provides in paragraph 36 that "Indigenous Peoples' knowledge and strategies to sustain their environment should be respected and taken into account" in the development of "national and international approaches on climate change mitigation and adaptation;" and

WHEREAS, at the Twenty-First Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP21) of the United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), 196 Parties adopted the Paris Agreement beginning a new age of international efforts to combat climate change; and

WHEREAS, the tribe stands in support of the Paris Agreement despite the decision of the United States to withdraw; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement called upon states to respect, promote and consider their respective human rights obligations, including the rights of Indigenous Peoples, when taking action on climate change; and



WHEREAS, Article 7, paragraph 5 of the Paris Agreement recognizes that adaptation actions should, as appropriate, be based on and guided by “traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples, and local knowledge systems;” and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 135 of the Paris Decision “Recognizes the need to strengthen knowledge, technologies, practices and efforts of local communities and indigenous peoples related to addressing and responding to climate change, and establishes a platform for the exchange of experiences and sharing of best practices on mitigation and adaptation in a holistic and integrated manner;” and

WHEREAS, the tribe will make every effort to learn, educate and implement efforts to decrease the use of fossil fuels and prioritize renewable energy resources,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Solomon Traditional Council supports the Paris Agreement of the United Nations framework convention on climate change and to adopt the goals of the agreement.

#### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by unanimous consent at a duly convened meeting of the Village of Solomon Traditional Council on April 30, 2019.



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Kirsten Timbers, President



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Elizabeth Johnson, Secretary