

RESOLUTION FROM ALASKA PRESBYTERY  
NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, There have been resolutions of apology to the Native American community in the past few years; and

WHEREAS, all of the work of the Church through its ministry was mostly positive; and

WHEREAS, there have been many positive results to the Native American communities, i.e., the Good News, resulting in committed lives to Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, many of our communities were in dire straits due to sickness, infant mortality, malnutrition, epidemics resulting in death; and

WHEREAS, the founding fathers of the ANB (Alaska Native Brotherhood) included in their constitution that we needed to set aside many of our tradition in order to succeed in the Western world; and

WHEREAS, the spiritual doors of the Native Americans have been further opened because of the apologies, we are finding Native cultural ways to express the Christian faith along with those brought to us in a positive manner; and

WHEREAS, Sheldon Jackson School spearheaded the development of leadership skills of Native people through student councils, gospel teams and provided the education for the founders of the ANB/ANS that has led to our 13 corporations and other leadership opportunities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED at the Alaska Presbytery meeting in Petersburg, October 17, 1992 at the Petersburg Presbyterian Church that the Presbytery Native American Consulting Committee do hereby express our appreciation to the Presbyterian Church and the missionaries who served faithfully to assure quality education and to bring the Good News of the Gospel to us.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this message of appreciation be sent to those who served as missionaries at Sheldon Jackson High School and served the churches in Alaska.