



Lieutenant Governor Kevin Meyer  
STATE OF ALASKA

March 2, 2022

Wáahlaal Gíidaak Barbara Blake  
c/o Alex Murphy  
721 Depot Drive, Suite 100  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: 21AKTR – Alaska Tribal Recognition Act

Ms. Blake:

I have reviewed your petition for the initiative entitled "Alaska Tribal Recognition Act" and have determined that the petition was properly filed. My notice of proper filing is enclosed. Specifically, the petition was signed by qualified voters from all 40 house districts equal in number to at least 10 percent of those who voted in the preceding general election; with signatures from at least 30 house districts matching or exceeding seven percent of those who voted in the preceding general election in the house district. The Division of Elections verified 47,199 voter signatures, which exceeds the 36,140 signature requirement based on the 2020 general election. A copy of the Petition Statistics Report prepared by the Division of Elections is enclosed.

With the assistance of the attorney general, I have prepared the following ballot title and proposition that meets the requirements of AS 15.45.180:

***An Act Recognizing Federally Recognized Tribes***

This act is about tribes in Alaska. The federal government recognizes some tribes as sovereign nations. With this act, the State would recognize the same tribes. This act will not change the federal government's duty to tribes or create a similar trust relationship between the tribes and the State.

Should this initiative become law?

This ballot proposition will appear on the election ballot of the first statewide general, special, or primary election that is held after (1) the petition has been filed; (2) a legislative session has convened and adjourned; and (3) a period of 120 days has expired since the adjournment of the legislative session. Barring an unforeseen special election or adjournment of the current legislative session occurring on or before April 18, 2022, this proposition will be scheduled to appear on the general election ballot on the November 8, 2022 general election. If a majority of the votes cast on the initiative proposition favor its adoption, I shall so certify and the proposed law will be enacted. The act becomes effective 90 days after certification.

Please be advised that under AS 15.45.210, this petition will be void if I, with the formal concurrence of the attorney general, determine that an act of the legislature that is substantially the same as the proposed law was enacted after the petition has been filed and before the date of the election. I will advise you in writing of my determination in this matter.

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Please be advised that under AS 15.45.240, any person aggrieved by my determination set out in this letter may bring an action in the superior court to have the determination reversed within 30 days of the date on which notice of the determination was given.

If you have questions or comments about the ongoing initiative process, please contact my staff, April Simpson, at (907) 465-4081.

Sincerely,



Kevin Meyer  
Lieutenant Governor

Enclosures

cc: Treg Taylor, Attorney General  
Gail Fenumiai, Director of Elections

# NOTICE OF PROPER FILING

I, KEVIN MEYER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA, under the provisions of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Alaska and under the provisions of AS 15.45, hereby provide notice that the initiative petition for "*Alaska Tribal Recognition Act*" which was received on August 11, 2021, and known as 21AKTR, was properly filed.

I have determined that the initiative sponsors have timely filed the petition and that the petition is signed by qualified voters (1) equal in number to 10 percent of those who voted in the preceding general election; (2) resident in at least three-fourths of the house districts in the state; and (3) who, in each of the house districts, are equal in number to at least seven percent of those who voted in the preceding general election in the house district.

In accordance with AS 15.45.190, the Director of the Division of Elections shall place the ballot title and proposition on the election ballot of the first statewide general, special, or primary election that is held after a period of 120 days has expired since the adjournment of the legislative session. Barring any unforeseen special election or adjournment of the current legislative session on or before April 18, 2022, this proposition is scheduled to appear on the general election ballot on the November 8, 2022 general election.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed hereto the Seal of the State of Alaska, at Juneau, Alaska,

This 2nd day of March, 2022.

  
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KEVIN MEYER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR