

RESOLUTION NO. 4981

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE READING OF A LAND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF REGULAR CITY
COUNCIL MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, the esteemed Denakkanaaga Elders have crafted and approved of the Land Acknowledgement set out below to be used in various publications, on appropriate signage, prior to meetings and conferences, as well as other suitable uses; and

WHEREAS, a Land Acknowledgement can function as a living celebration of Indigenous communities; and

WHEREAS, a Land Acknowledgement, by itself, is a small gesture, but it becomes meaningful when coupled with authentic relationships and informed action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairbanks City Council directs that the following Land Acknowledgement be read at the beginning of Regular City Council meetings:

We respectfully acknowledge the Dena people upon whose traditional lands we reside. We honor the Dena who have been the stewards of Interior lands and waters for centuries, the Elders who lived here before, the Dena people of today, and future generations to come. We also recognize that Alaskan Native people would traditionally gather here and harvest Native foods.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this ____ day of March 2022.

Jim Matherly, Mayor

AYES: Rogers, Therrien
NAYS: Clark, Gibson, Marney, Cleworth
ABSENT: Matherly
FAILED: March 14, 2022

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk


Paul Ewers, City Attorney



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Matherly and City Council Members

THROUGH: Fairbanks Diversity Council

FROM: D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk 

SUBJECT: **Updated** FDC Recommendation on City Council Resolution No. 4981

DATE: March 9, 2022

Updated Recommendation:

At its Regular Meeting of March 8, 2022, the Fairbanks Diversity Council voted unanimously to recommend the approval of City Council Resolution No. 4981 in its original form. Three voting members were absent.

Original Recommendation:

The City Council referred the following resolution to the Fairbanks Diversity Council on November 8, 2021, with a deadline to report back to the City Council by January 17, 2022:

Resolution No. 4981 – A Resolution Approving the Reading of a Land Acknowledgement at the Beginning of Regular City Council Meetings.

At its Regular Meeting of January 11, 2022, the Fairbanks Diversity Council voted to recommend the approval of City Council Resolution No. 4981 with amendments. The motion PASSED by a vote of 6 Ayes to 2 Nays. Three voting members were absent.