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TYONEK NATIVE CORPORATION NEWSLETTER

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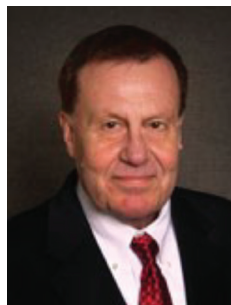
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## FROM THE CEO...

### Greetings Shareholders of Tyonek Native Corporation;

Recently the Tyonek Native Corporation Board of Directors and the Tyonek Native Corporation Shareholder Distribution Board of Trustees met to consider and approve an amended agreement regarding the TNC Distribution Trust that will be brought to a Shareholder Vote at our upcoming Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held in Anchorage on May 18. The newly adopted Agreement, if approved by Shareholders, will allow tax free distributions to Shareholders as we recently did this past December; it will also provide tax benefits to TNC as well as providing additional educational and insurance benefits to our Shareholder population. You will find additional information in this newsletter about those benefits and why it is important that you vote to accept these provisions in the voting process this year. In addition, we have two upcoming Shareholder Information Meetings to learn more. They will be held April 27th in Anchorage and May 4th in Tyonek.

As part of our ongoing effort to improve communications with our Shareholders and to gain input and feedback for the Corporation TNC recently conducted a survey of Shareholder opinions. Over 190 shareholders responded to the survey, a summary

of which is included in this newsletter. We value the opinions of our members and appreciate those who took the time to respond. Surveys such as this provide policy makers and management with insight that helps guide the decisions that are made in advancing the missions and goals of the Corporation. As a result of the interest in this survey, TNC has opted to make this survey an ongoing living survey that allows shareholders to provide information on a year around basis. If you have not taken the time to express your opinions by completing the survey, please do so. You can find the survey on our Shareholder website to download and complete or you can request paper copies of the survey by contacting TNC's Corporate Offices in Anchorage. TNC's audit for fiscal year 2018 is now complete and soon you will receive your Annual Report and related proxy materials. We are pleased to report that for the first time since 2015 Tyonek Native Corporation will report a profit this year. Thanks to the hard work of our Board and Staff, along with the support of our Shareholders, our future continues to brighten with several new contract awards which have filled our business pipeline in our Manufacturing and Services sector. This along with anticipated oil development work on or near our lands at Tyonek means opportunity abounds to continue our positive trajectory of growth. I hope that all of you take the time to study the election materials you will soon receive and participate in one of your most important obligations as a shareowner, that being to cast your ballot in our upcoming elections. We wish all a fresh beginning to a new era at Tyonek as we move together toward a bright future.

Best Regards!



PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT

Greetings fellow TNC Shareholders,

It is officially Spring and we are getting ready for a busy few months at Tyonek Native Corporation (TNC). Our 45th Tyonek Annual Shareholder Meeting is quickly approaching. Proxy packets will be mailed out soon. Please review the information and return your proxy if you will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting on May 18th at the Nuka Learning and Wellness Center (4085 Tudor Centre Dr) in Anchorage. We are excited that we will be able to offer a live stream of the 45th Annual Shareholder Meeting this year. If you would like to view the meeting remotely, please contact the TNC office to be sure we have an updated email address on file for you.

I encourage you to attend one of our upcoming Shareholder Information Meetings to learn more about the benefits of the Settlement Trust and why it is important for our future. These meetings also allow a time for us to answer your questions and receive your input that the board and management team can use to help us plan for the future. TNC's next shareholder informational meetings will be April 27th in Anchorage and May 4th in Tyonek.

Don't forget about our new shareholder website [www.tyonekshareholders.com](http://www.tyonekshareholders.com). I hope you will use this new resource to find information that is important to our shareholders.

We appreciate those who participated in the shareholder survey. You can review the results of the survey in this newsletter. Remember, the shareholder survey is open at all times. Your feedback helps us as we define our strategy going forward. As always, you can contact the TNC office or a board member with any questions or concerns at any time.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!  
Thank you,

Cassandra Kroto

Cassandra Kroto  
President, TNC Board of Directors



TTCD is gearing up for meaningful  
community conservation projects  
in 2019, including:

- Food production and agricultural education at the Tyonek Garden and the Tebughna School hydroponics system (TTCD provides summer jobs for youth interns and healthy vegetables to the elders lunch program and school cafeteria);
- Supporting healthy subsistence resources through salmon habitat restoration and monitoring, moose habitat enhancement, pike suppression, and invasive plant control;
- Supporting sustainable practices through technical assistance for waste reduction and energy conservation; **and**

- Conservation education through hands-on lessons for youth of all ages at the Tebughna School (TTCD provides monthly lessons through the school year on different conservation topics).

Are you interested in supporting these  
programs? Here are a few ways that TNC  
shareholders can help:

Support TTCD through Pick.Click.Give!

It's not too late to make a pledge for TTCD. Alaskans can add or adjust their pledges online through August 31. Go to [pfd.alaska.gov](http://pfd.alaska.gov) to add a pledge today. All donations are tax deductible and donors will receive tax documentation from the State once donations have been processed. Please consider supporting Tyonek Tribal Conservation District. File for your PFD or add a pledge at [pfd.alaska.gov](http://pfd.alaska.gov).

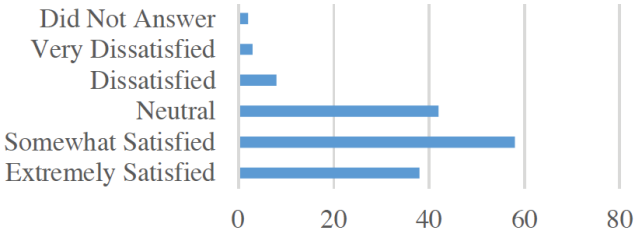
You can help TTCD earn donations just by shopping  
with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card!



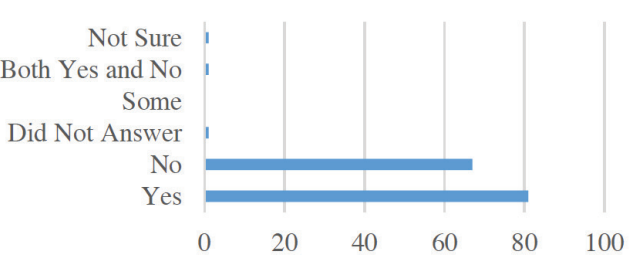
- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Tyonek Tribal Conservation District at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number AC438.
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping TTCD earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.

2019 TNC SHAREHOLDER SURVEY REPORT

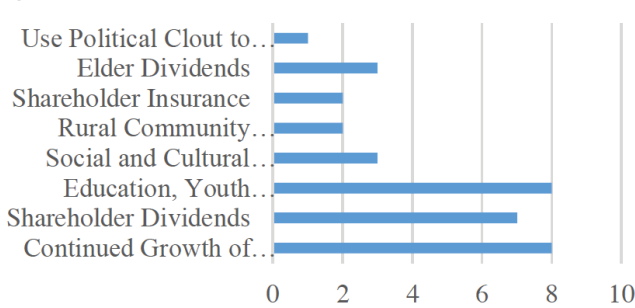
1. Overall, how satisfied are you with the direction of Tyonek Native Corporation?



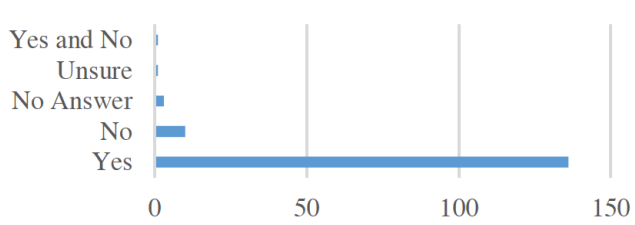
2. Do you know what kind of businesses TNC is engaged in to make money?



3. How would you rate the following in order of importance?



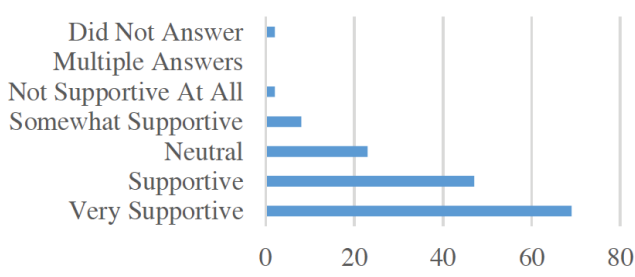
4. During 2009 TNC Shareholders approved the creation of a Shareholder Distribution Trust. A 2017 tax law change allows greater advantage for Alaska Native Corporations to utilize a Trust to further benefit shareholders and corporations. A technical amendment to the Trust was approved by the Board in 2018 allowing for tax free dividends to Shareholders. Further benefits are allowed under the tax law which could provide for contributions to non-profits, shareholder life insurance payments, future elder dividends, and other shareholder benefits. Such benefits through the Trust would decrease TNC's tax burden while providing for shareholders. Would you support changes to the Trust to allow for these benefits?



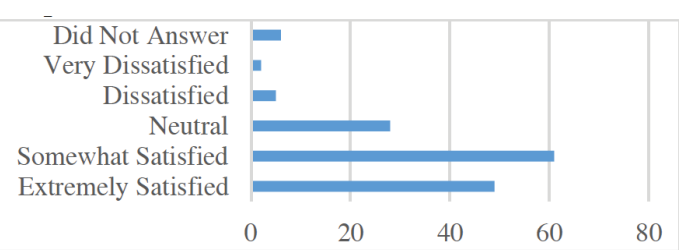
5. Tyonek Native Corporation's Vision

- We will be the largest successful Native Village Corporation in Southcentral Alaska.
- We will be providing optimal education, employment and leadership opportunities.
- We will enrich our cultural and community lifestyle.

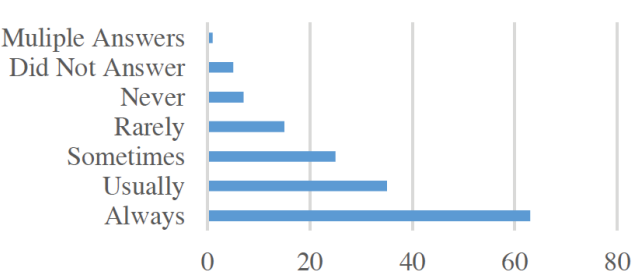
How supportive are you of TNC's business vision?



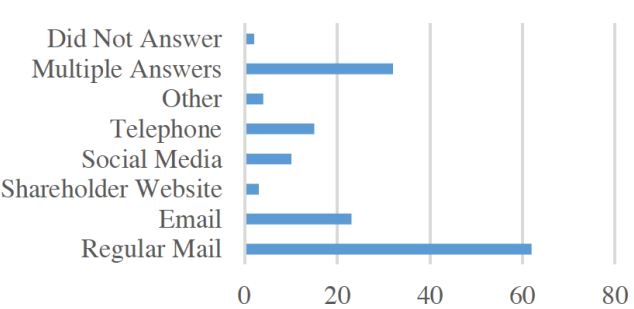
6. How satisfied are you with TNC's efforts to keep Shareholders informed?



7. How often do you read the Shareholder Newsletter?



8. What is the best way to communicate with you?

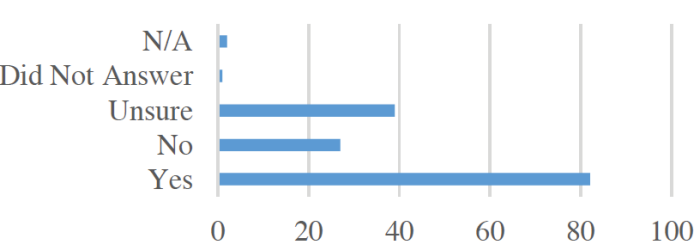


9. What can TNC do to increase shareholder participation at meetings, picnics, etc.? Top ten answers.

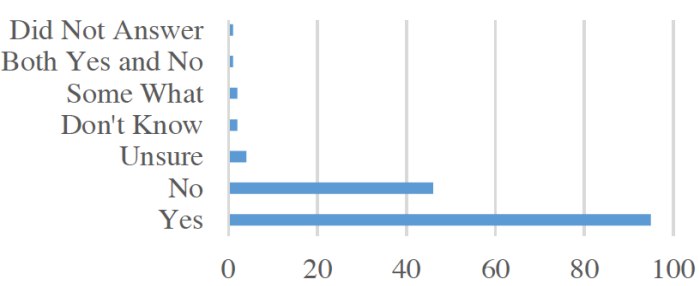
- Prizes/drawings
- Provide rides or cab vouchers

- More advertising
- Doing a good job
- Food
- More money
- Out of state
- Not sure
- More activities
- Live stream the meetings

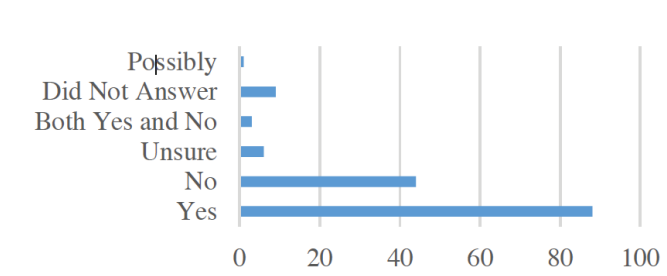
10. If transportation were available would you be more likely to participate in Shareholder events?



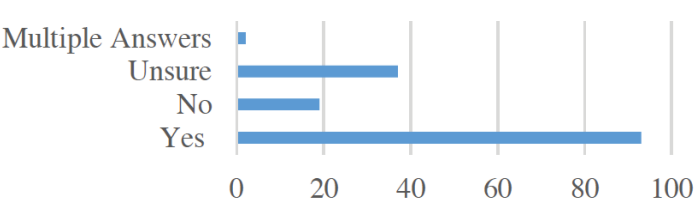
11. Do you feel TNC provides career opportunities for qualified shareholders?



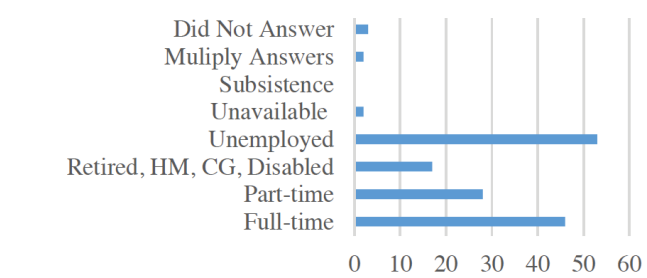
12. Does TNC listen to Shareholder priorities?



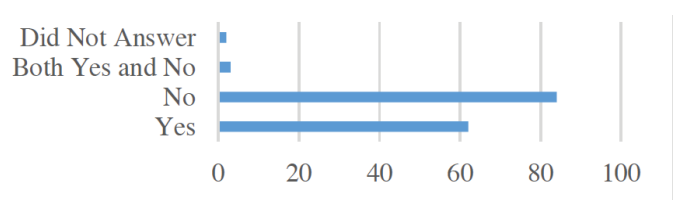
13. If the board put a million dollars in the Trust for education and funds were available to you, would you go to school?



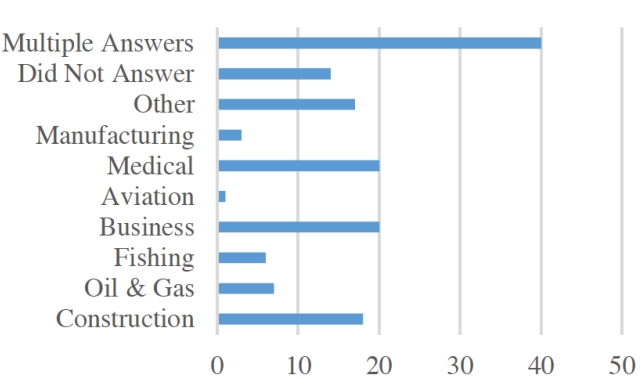
14. What is your current employment status?



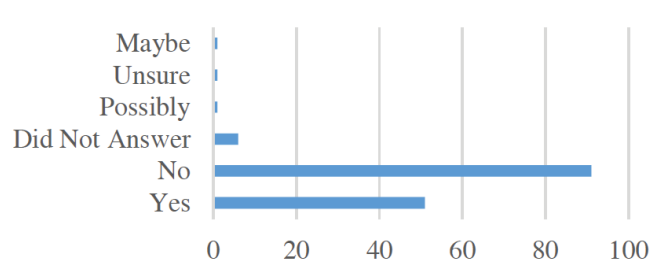
15. Are you currently seeking employment?



16. If TNC held a job-training event what would you be interested in learning?



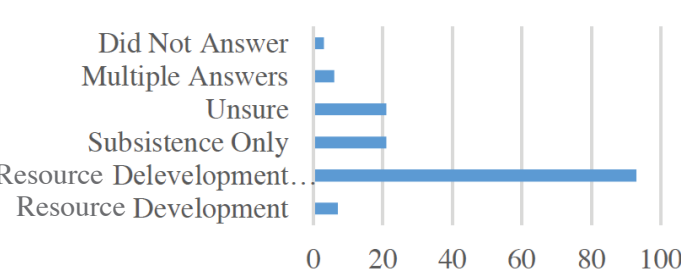
17. If job opportunities are available with a TNC subsidiary outside of Alaska, would you be willing to move without TNC's assistance?



18. If internships were available what areas of interest would you consider? Top ten answers.

- Business
- Construction
- Administration
- Unsure
- Medical
- Carpentry
- Lands
- Oil & Gas
- Anything
- IT

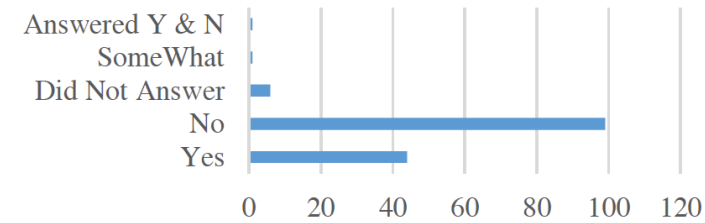
19. What do you feel is the best use of Tyonek lands and resources?



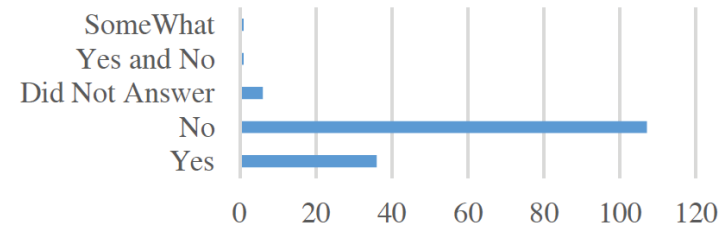
20. What type of resource development would you like to see? Top ten answers.

- I don't care
  - Not sure
  - Renewable Energy
  - Housing
  - Oil & Gas
- Fish
  - Hatchery
  - Construction
  - Jobs
  - Education

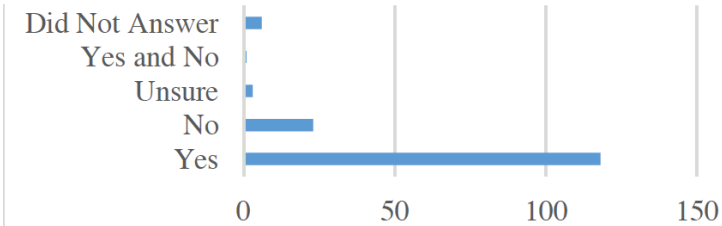
21. Are you familiar with section 14(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act?



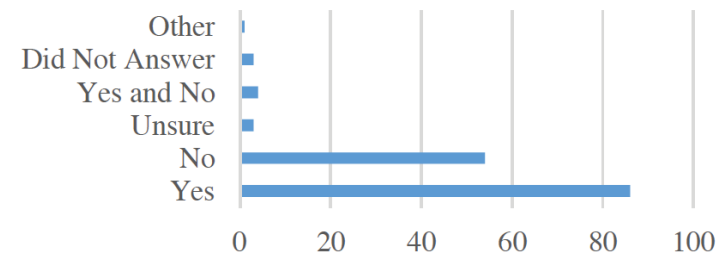
22. Do you understand what the benefits/risks are if land is transferred to the Native Village of Tyonek through the 14(c) process?



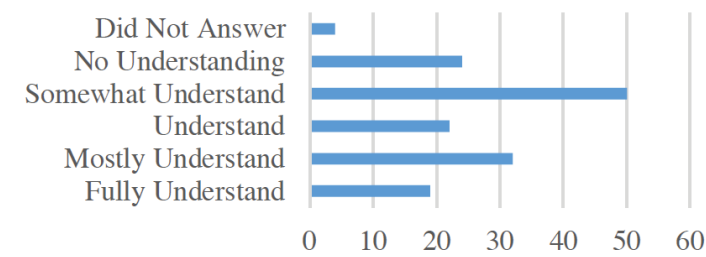
23. Do you support Tyonek village remaining a "Gated Community"?



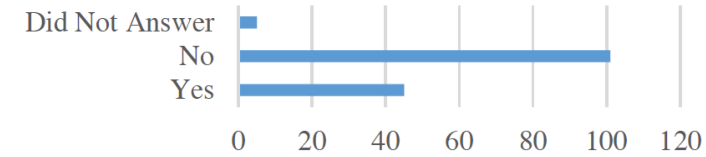
24. Would you like year round access to Tyonek by road from the Matsu Valley?



25. How would you rate your understanding of the benefits offered by the Tebughna Foundation and Tyonek Tribal Conservation District (TTCD) to TNC Shareholders?



26. Are you aware TNC donates in excess of \$200,000 combined annually to TTCD and Tebughna Foundation?



# SETTLEMENT TRUSTS CAN PROVIDE:

- TAX-FREE DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS
- TAX BENEFITS TO TNC
- INSURANCE BENEFITS
- EDUCATION ASSISTANCE
- OTHER BENEFITS



VOTE TO SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT TO THE TNC DISTRIBUTION TRUST AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON MAY 18, 2019 OR THROUGH THE 2019 TNC PROXY PACKET IF YOU WILL NOT ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING.

## WHAT IS A SETTLEMENT TRUST?

An Alaska Native Settlement Trust (Trust) is created under Alaska law to hold, protect, and manage money and property. Trusts have special benefits for shareholders under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). On January 28, 2009 the Tyonek Native Corporation Shareholders approved the creation of the TNC Distribution Trust.

The TNC Distribution Trust was set up to provide tax free dividends to shareholders from the interest earned off of the principle in the Trust. With the new Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 several changes occurred that provide much better benefits to shareholders and TNC.

At its October 2018 meeting the Board of Directors took action approving a technical amendment to the TNC Distribution Trust which allowed for a tax free \$10 per share distribution under the Tax Cuts

and Jobs Act of 2017. The Board of Directors has reviewed additional benefits of using the Trust that will bring increased benefit to our shareholders and also tax benefits to TNC. Incorporating these benefits into the Trust will involve a full amended and restated Trust document requiring beneficiary (shareholder) vote.

The amendment will be presented to the TNC shareholders at the upcoming May 18, 2019 Annual meeting to be held in Anchorage. The vote will also be included in the annual meeting packet and on the 2019 TNC proxy. Please carefully review all information provided to shareholders and feel free to call the TNC office (907-272-0707) if you have any questions.

We appreciate your support of this amendment to allow us to better serve our shareholders!

MISSING BENEFICIARY FORMS

Adams, Samantha Alexan, Damion Allowan, Gary Anderson, Cheyenne Anderson, Walter Jr Asher, Colten Asher, Kimberly Bahr, Fred III Bahr, Victoria Baker, Ernest III Baker, Ernest Jr Bartels, John Jr Bartels, Kenneth Bartels-Salas, Jerome Beasley, , Natasha Biggs, Richard Jr Biggs, Rikki Biggs, William Bismark, Julieanna Braun, Dimitri Braun, Marlene Braun, Matthew Brown, James Brown, Mercedes Buckles, Misty Cain, Cody Cain, Gage Calderon, Stefanie Carroll, Kristin Caruso, Robert	Cavasos, Ravi Chase, Vernon Chuiitt, Dennis Chuiitt, Jessie Chuiitt, Marcus Chuiitt, Stacy Chuiitt, Tiffany Chuiitt, Anthony Clary, Mellisa Clary, Michael Cole-Kroto, Gina Constantine, Reese Crowe, Moses Davis, Alex Delkittie, Sunflower Demit, Adam Doss, Adreanna Doss, Amanda Doss, Johnny III Eggleston, Stacia Falls, Alexa Garber, Jackson Garber, Marina Garber, Sebastian Gibbs, Elsie Gibbs, Matthias Gibbs, Miriam Goozmer, Alexis Goozmer, Dewey Goozmer, Elexis Goozmer, Makayla Goozmer, Ruth Gottschalk, Janice Granger, Martha Green, Jazmine Gronholdt, Joel	Hansen, Brenda Hansen-Cavasos, Storm Hurlburt, Ahndria Jacoy, Andrew Jr Jacoy, Samantha Keen-Lowe, Tammy Kompkoff, Samuel Kroto, Vanessa LeBlanc, Andrea Leuret-Wik, Dyann Lisbourne, Aaron Lombardi, James Mahan, Karen McCord, Parolee McCord, Angelena McCord, Carl McCord, Eric McCord, Gregg McCord, Rayanne McCord, Rochelle McWilliams, Franco McWilliams, Nathan Moore, Basil Munson, Joni Murray, Julie Nagel, Mary Nielsen, Amanda Njie, DiAnna Notti, Naomi Olrun, Drew Palmer, Bryc Palmer, Dakota Paulson, , Daniel Paulson, Mariah	Paulson, , Patricia Peter, Samuel Jr Peter, Angela Poston, Micah Raduege, Joanna Ramirez, Adrien Ramirez, Kayleen Reiser, Jeremiah Sambrano, Frank Savell, Ashley Setuk, Helen Shane, Nikander Jr Slawson, Gilbert Jr Slawson, Raymond Smith, Carl Smith, Odessa Smith, George Smoke, Gregorey Smoke, Natalee Standifer, Chanel Standifer, Dale Standifer, David Standifer, Donald Jr Standifer, Frankie Standifer, Hopeful Standifer, Jordan Standifer, Nicole Standifer, Paulina Standifer, Rebekkah Starkloff, James Stephan, Amanda Stephan, Ann M Stephan, Antonio Stephan, Breanna Stephan, Christina	Stephan, Justin Stephan, Matthew T. Stephan, Michael A. Stephan, Michael B. Stephan, Michael S. Stephan, Natasha Stephan, Rebecca Stephan, Shawn Stephan, Theresa Stephan, Tina Stephan, Cheryl Stepp, John III Stone, Heather Talili, Nicollette Tetpon, Tasha Tetpon, Trenton Trenton, Eugene Trenton, Harry Trenton, Ivory Trenton, , Jayne Trenton, Julian Trenton, Roy Van Velzor, Julee-Anna Vance, Christopher Walton, Martha Williams, David Woods-Soulak, Christine Worel, Sarah
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MISSING SHAREHOLDER ADDRESSES

When TNC mail is returned as undeliverable, the TNC records are placed on hold and any distributions are held pending receipt of a valid address. Shareholders can fill out the change of address form at Tyonek Native Corporation offices, download the change of address forms from the [www.tyonek.com](http://www.tyonek.com) website or send a signed and dated letter that includes the new address, telephone number, birth date and the last four digits of their social security number.” Please include any minor shareholders you are custodian for.

Alton, Kalliyah Ashenfelter, Alma Buckles, Lenora Burnett, Christopher Bushey, Glenda Calderon, Stefanie Clingenpeel, Amanda	Delkittie, Daniel Erwin, Joseph Garber, Jackson Garcia, Maria Goozmer, Alfred Green, Nathaniel Hawkins, Larry	Lisbourne, William Moon, Desmond Ray, Robin Rider, III Joseph Sallison, Daniel Jr Slawson, Gilbert Sr Stepp, III John	Trenton, Jayne Trexler, Emily Williams, David
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Lifelong Alaska Native and Nikiski resident **Virginia F. Trenton**, 78, passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2019, at St. Elias Specialty Hospital in Anchorage, Alaska.



A panikhida service was held at noon on Monday, March 18, 2019, at Peninsula Memorial Chapel in Kenai, Alaska. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Monday at Holy Assumption Russian Orthodox Church in Kenai. Burial followed the service at the Monfor Cemetery. Archpriest Daniel Charles officiated. A potluck followed the burial at Tyotka’s Elder Center. Pallbearers were: Duane Reitter, David Kroto, Justin Trenton, David Pringle, Brandon Kroto and Shon O’Brien. Honorary pallbearers were: Eugene, Roy and Freddy Trenton, Ted Kroto and Brian and Kevin Trenton.

Virginia was born on Nov. 24, 1940, in Kenai. She graduated from high school and went to nursing school. She lived in Tyonek, Alaska, from 1968-88; and Nikiski, Alaska, from 1988 until her passing. She worked for the Native Village of Tyonek, the Dena’ina Clinic and the Kenaitze Indian Tribe.

She was a member of the church and was also CIRI Elder Shareholder of the Year in 2011. Virginia enjoyed crocheting, watching game shows and spending time with family.

Her family wrote: “She was a mother, grandma, aunt and best friend. No one left her house without a full belly and some stayed for a longtime. The happiness of her kids, grandkids, family and friends was what made her happy. Her love of helping others led her into the medical field, a job she cherished until she retired. Christmas and Sunday family dinners were her favorite times, seeing all her kids and grandkids together. Even until the end, when we talked to her, all she cared about was others happiness. She is now watching down on us with our father, siblings, kids and grandkids. My mother would not want you to be sad. Remember all the happy times. Honor her by spending time with family and friends.”

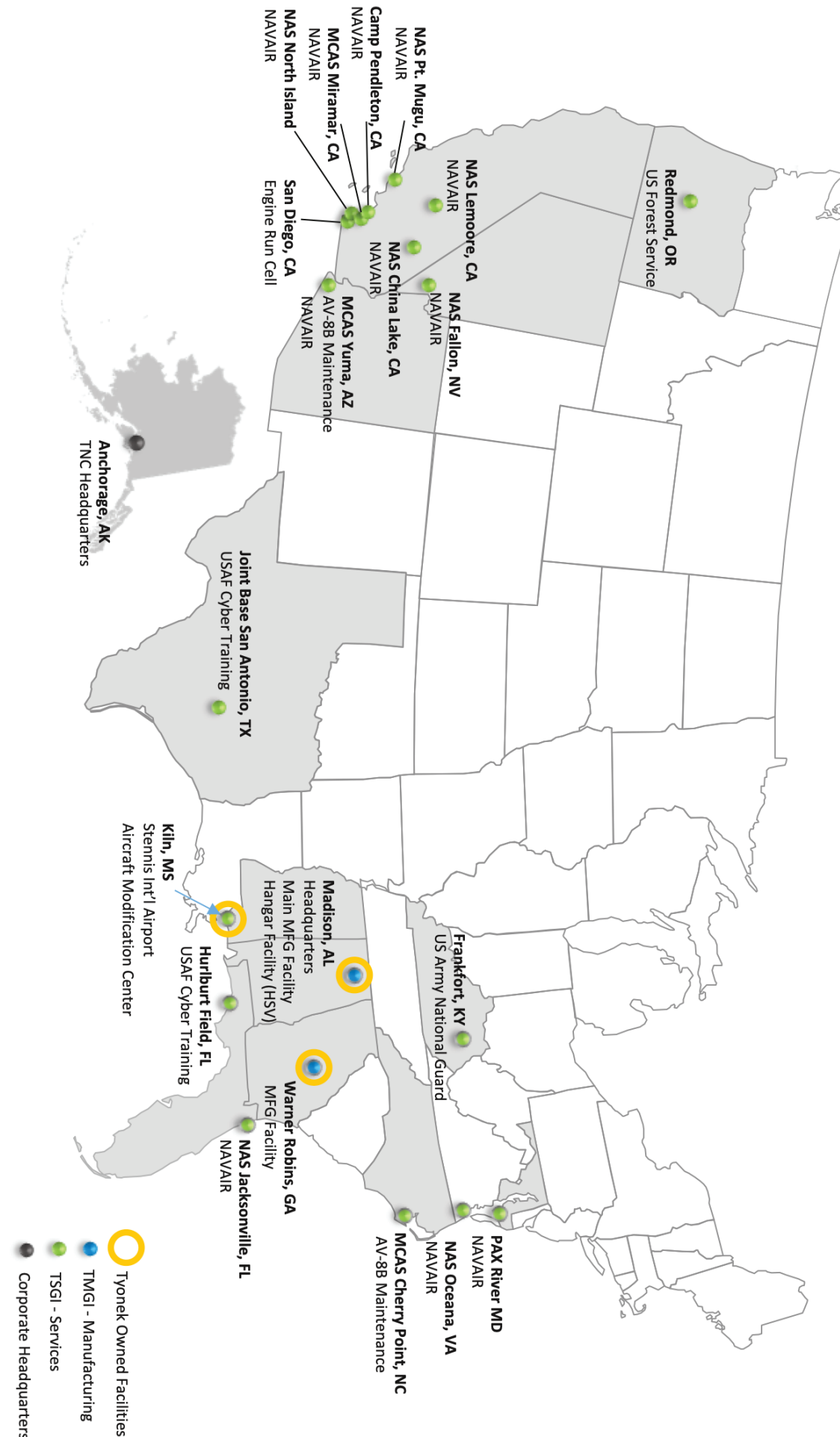
Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, David; daughter, BK; grandsons, Ted and Adam; granddaughter, Anastasia; and 11 siblings.

She is survived by her sons, Roy Trenton, Eugene Trenton and Harry “Freddy” Trenton; daughter, Julie Murray, all of Nikiski; son-in-law, Ted Kroto Sr.; grandchildren, Rachel Toney and husband James, Sara Murray, Sherrie Reitter and husband Duane, Adrianna Trenton, and Marjorie Trenton, all of Nikiski, Dyann Wik of Ohio, Ivory Trenton of Nikiski, Justin Trenton of Tyonek, David Kroto and wife Marie, and Vanessa Pringle and husband David, all of Wasilla; great-grandkids, Rain, Aaron, Aurora, Adam, Paige, Daniel, Brandon and Lillian Kroto, Katherine Velzor, Joyce, Lalaith, Anastasia, Isaiah and Rachel Trenton, Juliet Reitter and Edgar and Henry Toney; plus many other extended family members.

**Memorial donations may be sent to Adrianna Trenton, P.O. Box 8658, Nikiski, AK 99635.**



# TNC FACILITIES IN 14 STATES



## PROXIES WILL BE MAILED OUT SOON!

Please return your proxy form to the Tabulator by May 6, 2019 in order to be eligible for the Early Bird Prize Drawing of \$1,200.

Shareholder Information Meeting:  
April 27th - Anchorage

Shareholder Information Meeting:  
May 4th - Tyonek

## TNC Annual Meeting of Shareholders May 18th - Anchorage

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders in May 18, 2019 at the Nuka Learning and Wellness Center building in Anchorage. We will have numerous vendors on site to offer information and assistance to shareholders.

### Vendors for Annual Meeting 2019

CIRI  
 SCF  
 Alaska Native Justice Center  
 CITC  
 Alaska Department of Labor  
 TTCD  
 Tebughna Foundation  
 Cook Inlet Housing  
 TNC SPC  
 Cook Inlet Lending Center  
 Alaska Vocational Training Center-Nursing Program  
 TNC HR  
 Alaska Works  
 Alaska Pacific University  
 Color Me Fun- Face Painter

Thank you!

with your correct email address.

Please contact the TNC office at 907-272-0707 or email [dpeters@tyonek.com](mailto:dpeters@tyonek.com)

for all shareholders.

We will offer the opportunity to watch some of our upcoming shareholder events including the Annual Meeting via a live stream over the internet. In order to access the online meetings, we will need to deliver information to you via email. It is important that we make sure we have updated email addresses

Dear TNC Shareholders,

## Shareholder Meeting Live Stream Availability



Tyonek Native Corporation  
1689 C Street Anchorage, AK 99501-5131

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