## Memorandum of Agreement

### Between

# State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services

#### and

## Kenaitze Indian Tribe I.R.A.

The purpose of this agreement is to 1) avoid duplication of benefits and 2) promote comparable benefit payments between the federally funded Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP) administered by the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), and by the Kenaitze Indian Tribe I.R.A. (KIT), an Indian tribe or tribal organization, under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (Title XXVI of Public Law 97-35, as amended). KIT receives 0.7551% of the Low-Income Energy Assistance block grant funding based upon the service territory defined in this agreement.

## The parties agree as follows:

- DHSS will serve all non-Native residents and KIT will serve all Native residents in Cooper Landing, Kasilof, Kenai, Nikiski, Soldotna and Sterling.
- As a condition of receipt of these funds, KIT will not refer any of their eligible
  households to DHSS for service. This includes any unserved households remaining after
  their LIHEAP funds have been expended, unless the parties have agreed to waive this
  condition.
- 3. DHSS and KIT will cooperate in the development of the LIHEAP plans with the goal of establishing similar eligibility criteria and comparable benefits levels.
- 4. DHSS and KIT will insure that applications for LIHEAP are promptly forwarded to the appropriate responsible service agency.
- To avoid duplication of assistance payments, DHSS and KIT will exchange names, addresses, and social security numbers of applicant households containing Native and non-Native adult members when these households apply in a community in which DHSS and KIT are both operating the program. In the case of a household containing Native and non-Native adult members, the applicants may choose either to apply with DHSS or KIT.

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6. As a condition of receipt of these funds, KIT will provide DHSS with an annual LIHEAP Summary Report by October 30<sup>th</sup>. The report will be submitted in the format provided by the state's Heating Assistance Program and will include: the number of households served and amounts expended by community; the amount of expenditures for heating assistance, weatherization, emergency assistance, and program planning and administration; and the amount of LIHEAP funds, if any, carried over into the next program year. The dollar amounts provided in the LIHEAP Summary Report must match the amounts on the Carryover and Reallotment Report submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services.

KIT's service area represents 0.7551% of Alaska's LIHEAP Block Grant. This percentage is effective beginning with FY 2015 grants.

This agreement may be amended with mutual agreement of both parties and will remain in effect until amended or revoked.

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