

## **5.29 (NEW) URGING A STATEWIDE ALASKA INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE CONFERENCE**

AASB urges the Governor of Alaska, the State Legislature and the State Board of Education to provide an Alaska Indigenous Language Conference that will benefit the indigenous Alaskan languages.

### **Rationale:**

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska signed House Bill 216, October 23, 2014, twenty Alaska Native languages as official languages for the State of Alaska.

WHEREAS, the Governor of Alaska, September 23, 2018 declares emergency for Alaska Native languages.

WHEREAS, the Southwest Region School Yup'ik Studies instructional staff do not have a venue where they can interact with fellow language and cultural instructors representing the Alaskan indigenous languages and cultures.

WHEREAS, an Alaska Indigenous Language Statewide Conference would provide that opportunity.

**Proposed by SWRSD to come from the floor on Sunday November 11, 2018 at the Delegate Assembly.**

**Requires a suspension of the rules by the Delegate Assembly.**