Federal Employees’ Payroll Obligations Funded by Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

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Through a federal trust relationship that provides health care for Alaska Native and American Indian people, the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) serves as the workplace for many federal employees, including physicians, nurses, engineers, and other professionals.

Because pay for certain federal employees has been suspended during the federal shutdown, ANTHC has reached an agreement with the Indian Health Service (IHS) to provide the funding necessary to keep our Civil Service employees and Commissioned Corps officers compensated. The work of these individuals is critical to the successful operations of our programs and services around the State and at the Alaska Native Medical Center.

“ANTHC is fortunate to have the ability to help our federal employees. We welcome the opportunity to provide for those who have dedicated themselves to the care of our people,” said Andy Teuber, President and Board Chairman of ANTHC. “We value their service and commitment. The Consortium was founded on the principles of community and collaboration, and our federal employees and their families have earned and deserve our best efforts. Mitigating their hardships comes naturally and is core to ANTHC’s mission. We hope for a swift resolution to the issues that have resulted in the suspension of their pay.”

Capt. Kara King, representing the ANTHC Pharmacy Commissioned Corps officers, expressed gratitude to ANTHC’s leadership. “Your willingness and commitment to aid us in such a significant way during this time is much appreciated.”

ANTHC is committed to provide for our federal employees as resources are available. We will continue to update our employees and partners as circumstances develop.

About the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is a not-for-profit Tribal health organization managed by Alaska Native Tribal governments and their regional health organizations. ANTHC provides statewide services in specialty medical care; construction of water, sanitation and health facilities; community health and research; telehealth and information technology. For more information, please visit www.anthc.org.

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