



November 30, 2011

To All Alaska Native Villages,

The Tebughna Foundation, a non-profit tribal organization, with a mission to preserve, enhance, educate and serve the Dena'ina people of Tyonek, desires to see our traditions continue, our cultures celebrated and our relationships strengthened. It is through this friendship that we will achieve unity.

To further our efforts, the Tebughna Foundtion held its first Ida'Ina (Friendship) Gathering in March 30-April 2, 2011. The event was a tremendous success with more than 1500 community and tribal members in attendance and over 30 dance groups and performing artists. Due to the events popularity, the Tebughna Foundation is continuing to host the Ida'ina Gathering and is dedicated to seeing it become an annual celebration of friendship among the tribes of Alaska and especially Cook Inlet.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, we extend this invitation to you and the people of your Village to join us for the 2nd Annual Ida'ina Gathering, March 30- April 1, 2012, at the Dena'ina Center, in Anchorage. **Please consider sponsoring some of your tribal members, village residents, youth to elders to attend.** Please Contact: Elizabeth Standifer at: estandifer@tyonek.com (907-272-0707) or Henry Boucha at HenryBoucha@gmail.com to RSVP by March 2, 2012.

Prior to the Gathering, we are planning a 2 day ceremony "To Close the Gates on Suicide: To Heal Our Future", March 28-29, 2012. A Potlatch is scheduled for March 29th. For information contact Doug Modig, 907-360-0077, dmodig@chugach.net.

We are notifying all villages in advance that space will be limited for performers and if you plan on attending to start you're fund raising early. We will also be selling arts and crafts tables please contact Elizabeth Standifer to reserve a table.

In the spirit of friendship, thank you for your consideration of the 2012 Ida'ina Gathering.

Sincerely,

Emil McCord
Executive Director
Tebughna Foundation

Bart Garber,
CEO
Tyonek Native Corporation