

Short Bio for Julie E. Kitka, President, Alaska Federation of Natives

Julie E. Kitka serves as the President of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN), Alaska's largest statewide Native organization. AFN represents nearly 20% of the population and half of the federally recognized tribes in the country. Alaska Natives have deep relationships with the state and federal government. In many ways AFN is a network which has an outsized impact on policy and decisions because of its membership and organizational strength. As the largest private landowner, we collectively weigh critical decisions which involve use and access to a landmass one-fifth the size of the continental United States. AFN is a force for stability and harmony in Alaska during periods of rapid change. AFN works for to resolve complex and seemingly intractable problems trying to balance competing demands.

As President, Julie has successfully worked to enhance and promote the cultural, economic and political voice of the Alaska Native community.

Moving beyond self-defeating strategies, dependency, or mere survival, she seeks to inspire and empower Alaska Native people to seek true self-determination and thrive. With a laser focus on ensuring those most affected have a seat at the table, allowed to share their insights and knowledge, and working to ensure governments use the full weight of their authority and resources to respond.

