

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the  
Request of the Mayor

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**APPROVED**

Date: 8-15-06

**Anchorage, Alaska**  
**No. AR 2006-175**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE NAMING THE NEW  
CIVIC AND CONVENTION CENTER AT BLOCK 80, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, *THE  
DENA'INA CIVIC AND CONVENTION CENTER.***

WHEREAS, the Dena'ina Athabascan people have called Alaska home for centuries; and

WHEREAS, the Dena'ina Athabascan culture is rich and meaningful to Southcentral Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Dena'ina means "the people;" and

WHEREAS, the Athabascan region begins at the Brooks Range continuing down to the Kenai Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the Athabascan people have generously shared traditional Athabascan customs as a means of educating and keeping the culture alive; and

WHEREAS, the citizen panel appointed to name the new convention center recognized the importance of honoring Dena'ina Athabascan people; and

WHEREAS, The Anchorage Convention and Civic Center citizen panel further celebrates the Dena'ina Athabascan people through naming the four main rooms in the Center after the regions in which the Dena'ina people lived including: Tikahtnu (Cook Inlet) for the main ballroom, Idlughet (Eklutna) exhibit hall, Tubughnenq' (Tyonek) meeting room, K'enakatnu (Knik) executive board room, Kahtnu (Kenai) meeting room.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**

**Section 1.** That the new civic and convention center on block 80, downtown Anchorage shall be known as the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center.


**Section 2.** The main areas of the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center shall be known as Tikahtnu, Idlughet, Tubughnenq', K'enakatnu and Kahtnu.

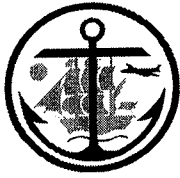
1 **Section 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval of the  
2 Anchorage Assembly.  
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6 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.  
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# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 495-2006

Meeting Date: July 11, 2006

1 **From:** Mayor

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3 **Subject:** **APPROVAL TO NAME THE NEW CIVIC AND CONVENTION CENTER**  
4 **AT BLOCK 80, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, *THE DENA'INA CIVIC AND***  
5 ***CONVENTION CENTER* AND NAMING THE FOUR MAIN ROOMS IN THE**  
6 **CENTER AFTER THE REGIONS IN WHICH THE DENA'INA PEOPLE**  
7 **LIVED INCLUDING: TIKAHNTU (COOK INLET) FOR THE MAIN**  
8 **BALLROOM, IDLUGHET (EKLUTNA) EXHIBIT HALL, TUBUGHNENQ**  
9 **(TYONEK) MEETING ROOM, K'ENAKATNU (KNIK) EXECUTIVE**  
10 **BOARD ROOM, KAHTNU (KENAI) MEETING ROOM.**  
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14 In accordance with to AMC 3.97.030, Mayor Mark Begich appointed a citizen panel to consider possible  
15 names for a new civic and convention center and make recommendations to the mayor. Throughout the  
16 discussions the committee recognized a need to honor the indigenous people of Southcentral Alaska, the  
17 Dena'ina Athabascan people.  
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19 As a result, the committee recommended the name *Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center* for the main  
20 facility as well as the four main rooms in the Center after the regions in which the Dena'ina people lived  
21 including: *Tikahtnu* (Cook Inlet) for the main ballroom, *Idlughet* (Eklutna) exhibit hall, *Tubughnenq'*  
22 (Tyonek) meeting room, *K'enakatnu* (Knik) executive board room, *Kahtnu* (Kenai) meeting room.  
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24 On Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, the Public Facilities Advisory Commission met and approved those  
25 recommendations.  
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29 THE ADMINISTRATION REQUESTS APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDED NAMES.  
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32 Concur: Mary Jane Michael, Executive Director, Office of Economic & Community Development  
33 Concur: Denis C. LeBlanc, Municipal Manager  
34 Respectfully submitted: Mark Begich, Mayor

# Key to names for Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center in Anchorage

DENA'INA ORTHOGRAPHY	STRESSED SYLLABLE IN CAPITALS	RANDOM HOUSE DICT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE SPELLING	INTERNATIONAL PHONETIC ALPHABET	"FOLK" SPELLING	LITERAL MEANING	GLOSS
			(  = STRESS)			
Dena'ina	deNA'ina	də-nä ʔə-nä	də-na ʔi-na	du-NA-ee-na	the people	the Dena'ina people
Tikahtnu	tiKAHTnu	tē-käkht nōō	ti-kaxt nu	tee-KAHT-new	big water (ocean) river	Cook Inlet
Idlughet	iDLUghet	ē-dlō vət	i-dlo vət	ee-DLOW-wut	by the plural objects	Eklutna/ "The Knobs"
K'enaikatnu	k'enaKA'Tnu	k'ə-nä-kät nōō	k'ə-na-kat nu	k'u-na-COT-new	?-river	Knik/Fish Creek
Kahtnu	KAHTnu	käkht nōō	kaxt nu	KAHT-new	river mouth river	Kenai/Kenai River
Tubughnenq'	tuBUGHnenq'	tōō-bōv nənq'	tu-bov nənq'	too-BOW-nunq'	beach land	Tyonek

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**AMC 3.97.030 Procedures**

A. Preliminary action in naming a facility may be initiated by the mayor or a quorum of the assembly. If the assembly is the initiating organization, a proposal in letter format addressed to the mayor will be prepared. Upon receipt of an assembly request to name a facility or upon the mayor's decision to seek a name for a facility, the mayor will appoint a five-member citizen *panel* subject to assembly approval to review proposed names, to hold public hearings, and to identify an appropriate name for the facility. The citizen *panel* may be composed of members of recognized boards and commissions.

B. The facility naming *panel* will identify appropriate names for the facility. The *panel* may consider those names submitted by the mayor or the assembly or propose an alternative, taking care not to overlook the contributions of women and minorities to the city, state and nation. Geographic influences will be considered to the degree possible in selecting names for facilities. Upon agreement by a quorum of the *panel*, a letter advising the mayor shall be dispatched. The mayor will make the panel's letter an attachment to a resolution for consideration by the assembly. Memoranda as appropriate may be appended to the resolution to explain or amplify relevant information for the assembly.

C. The assembly will set the naming resolution for public hearing at least one month after introduction and ensure appropriate information dissemination to the public during this period.

(AO No. 87-73)

**CONSENT AGENDA - INTRODUCTION**