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## **ANTHC names new Interim President Valerie Nurr'araaluk Davidson**

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Board of Directors has named Valerie Nurr'araaluk Davidson, Interim President, effective Monday, March 15. Ms. Davidson, who currently serves as President of Alaska Pacific University, will take a leave of absence from that role as she leads ANTHC.

Garvin Federenko, who was serving as Acting President, will remain Chief Executive Officer.

"We sincerely appreciate Garvin's willingness to step in, ensuring business continuity in the last few weeks," said Bernice Kaigelak, Board Chair. "We look forward to having Valerie continue to move our organization forward. Valerie is a strong leader and we are excited for the focus and energy she will bring to our executive leadership."

"I am incredibly honored to serve both our workforce and our Alaska Native people across the state in this role," said Davidson. "I am focused on continuing to advance the efforts already underway to lead our staff through the challenging situations that have presented themselves in the last few weeks. Even more important than those immediate needs, I am excited to cultivate an inclusive culture throughout the Consortium that highlights ANTHC's commitment to excellence for its people and the innovative services we provide."

Davidson, Yup'ik, is an enrolled Tribal citizen of the Orutsararmiut Traditional Native Council. She was the first Alaska Native woman to serve as Lieutenant Governor of Alaska when her strength as a leader was needed to steady our state, after previously demonstrating her skills as Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Health & Social Services. In that role, her visionary leadership and ability to manage difficult dialogues, diverse leaders and teams prepared her for this new chapter in her career.

Davidson previously served ANTHC as Senior Director of Legal and Intergovernmental Affairs and represented Alaska Native communities and health needs at federal, state, and community levels.

She has deployed her extensive education and commitment to her Native peoples and Alaska to advance a collective and holistic approach to Self-Governance and the well-being for all Alaskans.

ANTHC is pleased to welcome her back at this critical juncture in our organization's development. We are so grateful to every team member of ANTHC's work force for their continued dedication to our vision and mission.