

1 (e) "Native group" means any village, community, or
2 association in Alaska composed of twenty-five or more
3 Natives and approved by the Secretary.

4 DECLARATION OF POLICY

5 SEC. 3. Congress finds and declares that there is an
6 immediate need for a fair and just settlement of land claims
7 by Natives of Alaska, and that a fair and just settlement
8 should provide for (a) a grant to each Native group of title
9 to their present village sites, and to additional lands in the
10 vicinity of the villages that will be needed for reasonable
11 community expansion to fulfill future economic and social
12 requirements, (b) a reasonable payment to Native groups
13 for the purpose of enhancing their present and future welfare,
14 and (c) exclusive Native hunting, fishing, trapping, and
15 berry-picking on Federal lands not granted to the Native
16 groups. It is the purpose of this Act to provide for such
17 settlement.

18 DECLARATION OF SETTLEMENT

19 SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act shall be regarded as
20 full and final settlement of any and all claims against the
21 United States based upon aboriginal right, title, use, or
22 occupancy of lands in Alaska by Natives, including claims
23 pending before the Indian Claims Commission that are based