

(c) "Native group" means any *incorporated or unincorporated* tribe, band, clan, village, community, or association in Alaska composed of twenty-five or more eligible Natives and approved by the **Secretary.** *Commission, including those incorporated under A.S. 38.30.190 of the laws of Alaska.*

DECLARATION OF POLICY

SEC. 3. Congress finds and declares that there is an immediate need for a fair and just settlement of all claims by Natives of Alaska by providing (a) a grant to each Native group of title to their village sites that are now being used by said group and to additional lands in the vicinity of the villages that will be needed for reasonable community expansion to fulfill future economic and social requirements, (b) a reasonable payment to Native groups for the purpose of enhancing the present and future welfare of the Natives in Alaska, and (c) provision for Native hunting, fishing, trapping, and berry picking, within Federal lands not granted to the Native groups; and that it is the purpose of this Act to provide such a settlement.

DECLARATION OF SETTLEMENT

SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act shall be regarded as full and final settlement of any and all claims against the United States based upon aboriginal right, title, use, or occupancy of lands in Alaska by Natives or arising under the Act of May 17, 1884 (23 Stat. 24), or the Act of June 6, 1900 (31 Stat. 321), **including** *excepting only* claims pending before the Indian Claims Commission or the Court of Claims, by previous authorization of Congress, **and not finalized by** said Commission **on the date of enactment of this Act.**

GRANT OF LANDS

SEC. 5. (a) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Secretary, upon his own initiative and without application, is authorized to grant, **in trust,** to each Native group, subject to valid existing rights and if not *within a National Park or Monument, or, subject to Sec. 17, National Forest* **withdrawn for purposes unrelated to Native use or the administration of Native affairs,** (1) title to the village site or sites now occupied by such group, and (2) title to such additional lands in the *area used and occupied by such group* **vicinity of such site or sites** which, in his judgment, would contribute significant **ly** support for **to the** reasonable community expansion *by fulfilling* **to fulfill** future economic and social requirements, taking into account such factors as population, economic resources of said group, traditional way of life of said group, and the nature and value of the land proposed to be granted. *A Native group or trustee therefor may not sell, lease for more than one year, or otherwise dispose of any lands granted to it except in accord with a land use plan of the group submitted to and approved by the Commission.* **Provided, That,** at any time during the term of the trust, the Secretary, upon application of the Native group and upon the approval by him of a land use plan submitted by said group, shall terminate the trust for all or any part of the lands granted under this subsection to said group. **Such grant may include a grant of title to noncontiguous land such as lands being used and occupied by such Natives or suitable for use for burial grounds, airfields, water supply, village sites, agriculture, grazing, recreation, mining, oil and gas fields, industry, hunting and fishing camps, and dock or boat-launching sites. that are not withdrawn for other purposes.** In the case of Native villages in locations where there are not sufficient additional lands in Federal ownership to permit the Secretary to make the grant of additional lands contemplated by this subsection, the Secretary may convey other lands *(that are not withdrawn for other purposes)* in lieu thereof but subject to the same conditions and limitations that apply to conveyances of land within the *area used and occupied by the group.* **vicinity of a village.**

(b) In no case may the grant of land to a Native group under this section exceed *three thousand two hundred acres or be less than three hundred twenty acres per person enrolled on the rolls of the Native group.* **fifty thousand acres.**

(c) *The Secretary shall grant, in the aggregate, forty million acres under this section to the Native groups.* **The provisions of this section shall not apply to Native groups who are beneficiaries of the judgment recovered by the Tlingit and Haida Indians in Court of Claims Docket No. 47,900.**

(d) *Prior to making a grant to a Native group, the Secretary shall consult with the group and give the group an opportunity to nominate lands for inclusion in the grant.*