

**NATIVE VILLAGE OF SELAWIK TRIBAL COURT**

**Selawik, Alaska**

**In the Matter of:**

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**DOB 04/16/2019**

**Minor Tribal Member(s)**

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**Tribal Court Case No.  
NVS-J-21-001**

**ORDER CONCERNING CHILD CUSTODY**

The above child is a member of the Native Village of Selawik and this Court has jurisdiction over this child and her custody. On December 16, 2022, the Selawik Tribal Court held an evidentiary hearing to decide custody of the above child. The Court heard testimony and evidence from the child’s current placement, Nikki Richman, foster parent; the proposed placement, Arlene Ballot, the maternal grandmother; Eric Rustad, the biological father; Jim Rustad, the paternal grandfather; and other witnesses.

After considering all of the evidence, the Selawick Tribal Court has decided that custody of ██████████ is awarded from Nikki Richman to Arlene Ballot. The reasons for the Tribal Court’s decision were announced to all of the parties in open court on December 16, but include the fact that Arlene Ballot can meet the needs of ██████████; Arlene Ballot has a safe home for ██████████; Arlene Ballot is the immediate family of ██████████; and Arlene Ballot can better meet the spiritual and cultural needs of ██████████ and can better connect her to her Native culture, the subsistence lifestyle and her Tribe and her extended family.

Custody of ██████████ from Nikki Richman to Arlene Ballot is hereby ordered to be transferred on Tuesday, December 20, at 11:00 a.m. The Alaska State Troopers will be asked for assistance should it be needed to carry out this Court order.

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ENTERED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2022.

*Amelia Ballot*

Judge of and for the Tribal Court

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