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**Iditarod board of directors welcomes new board member**

**Wasilla, Alaska** – The Iditarod is pleased to welcome Bering Straits Native Corporation President & CEO Gail Schubert to its board of directors.

Schubert, who is Inupiaq and was born and raised in Unalakleet, has served as president & CEO of BSNC since 2010. Prior to her current tenure at BSNC, Schubert practiced law in Anchorage following a successful career at two Wall Street law firms and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

“Gail is a thought leader and the bridge between previous generations of Alaskans and the future of our state and the Iditarod culture,” said Iditarod CEO Rob Urbach. “We are fortunate to have her join the synergistic board of directors.”

Iditarod board of directors President Mike Mills added, “Gail has been, and continues to be an agent for innovative and positive change, and an exemplar for all Alaskans. We look forward to Gail’s insight and influence on the board.”

Schubert earned her undergraduate degree from Stanford University, following up with a Master of Business Administration from Cornell University's Johnson School of Management, and a Juris Doctorate from the Cornell University School of Law.

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