

# Tlingit & Haida



85<sup>th</sup> Tribal Assembly

Consent Calendar

# 85th Annual Tribal Assembly Resolutions

## Consent Calendar

TA #	Resolution Title	Submitted By
TA 20-02	Directive to Update All Tlingit & Haida Forms Related to the Selection of a Voting Community	Seattle T&H Community Council
TA 20-03	Support for Inclusion of Tlingit & Haida Court on State of Alaska Tribal Court Directory	Anchorage Delegate Tasha Hotch
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TA 20-13	Support for Congressional Legislation to Extend the Federal Match to Urban Indian Health Programs	Seattle T&H Community Council
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TA 20-25	Declaration of a Climate Emergency and Commitment to Climate Mobilization	Seattle T&H Community Council
TA 20-26	Establishment of Veteran Staff Support and Support for Amendment of the Alaska Native Vietnam Era Veterans Land Allotment Act	Sitka T&H Community Council

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1 CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

2 Eighty-Fifth Annual Tribal Assembly

3 October 1, 2020

4 Juneau, Alaska

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6 Resolution TA 20-02

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8 Title: Directive to Update All Tlingit & Haida Forms Related to the Selection of a Voting

9 Community

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11 By: Seattle Tlingit & Haida Community Council

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14 WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit &  
15 Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 32,000 citizens; and

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17 WHEREAS, according to the constitution “Tlingit & Haida shall possess or be granted,  
18 to maintain a roll of and promote the general welfare of the tribal citizens of Tlingit & Haida”;  
19 and

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21 WHEREAS, a continuing enrollment problem is the growth of the “other” list, now the  
22 third largest community; and

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24 WHEREAS, the language of the enrollment application form, “Please complete only if  
25 you live 100 miles outside of one of the communities listed below”, does not make it clear that  
26 an applicant will be assigned to “other” if no community is selected; and

27 WHEREAS, changing the language on the form and making it clear that an applicant  
28 must choose a community would reduce the “other” list; and

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30 WHEREAS, suggested language might be, “*Please select a voting community. If you live*  
31 *outside of the 100 mile radius of one of the communities listed below, choose your preferred*  
32 *voting community*”;

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34 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of  
35 Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened on October 1,  
36 2020, hereby directs that all Tlingit & Haida forms which ask for Voting Community shall be  
37 updated to require a Voting Community be selected.

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39 (ADOPTED/FAILED) this\_\_ day of October 2020, by the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly  
40 of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

**CERTIFY**

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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

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Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe

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1           CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA  
2                                   Eighty-Fifth Annual Tribal Assembly  
3                                                           October 1, 2020

5                                                           Resolution TA 20-03

7                   Title: Support for Inclusion of Tlingit & Haida Court on State of Alaska Tribal Court  
8                                                           Directory

10                                                           By: Anchorage Delegate Tasha Hotch

13                   WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit &  
14 Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 32,000 citizens; and

16                   WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida has an active tribal court; and

18                   WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has an Alaska Court System webpage that lists tribal  
19 courts available in the state of Alaska; and

21                   WHEREAS, the State of California has a court system webpage that lists tribal courts  
22 available in the state of California; and

24                   WHEREAS, the Tribe has been working in collaboration with the State of Alaska on  
25 other projects, such as education, and having our Tribal Court listed with links to the Tribe's  
26 pages would help identify resources for tribal citizens who may not have considered tribal courts  
27 as a resource available to them;

28           NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of the  
29 Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska convened on October 1, 2020,  
30 hereby supports working with the State of Alaska to develop a tribal court directory.

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32           (ADOPTED/FAILED) this \_\_ day of October 2020, by the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly  
33 of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

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President Richard J. Peterson

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Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe

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1 CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

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5 Resolution TA 20-11

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7 Title: Support for the Creation of an Alaska History Textbook Co-Authored by

8 Indigenous Scholars

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10 By: Juneau Delegate Kevin Allen

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13 WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit &  
14 Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 32,000 citizens; and

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16 WHEREAS, Alaska History is a required high school 1/2 credit course within all public  
17 schools across the state; and

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19 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska's Department of Education & Early Development  
20 content standards outlay an overall lesson plan of pre-contact to current state history; and

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22 WHEREAS, currently there is discretion in the selection of source materials relied upon  
23 in Alaska History classes due to the lack of a standard textbook; and

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25 WHEREAS, all-embracing curricular materials are imperative in assuring the core  
26 content adequately addresses the diverse Alaska's history;

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28           NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of the  
29 Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska convened on October 1, 2020,  
30 hereby requests the production of a textbook on the history of Alaska for statewide use in public  
31 schools; and

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33           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alaska History textbook be co-authored by  
34 western and indigenous scholars.

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36           (ADOPTED/FAILED) this \_\_ day of October 2020, by the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly  
37 of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

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5 Resolution TA 20-12

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7 Title: Support for the Establishment of a SEARHC Patient Advocate at Alaska Native

8 Medical Center

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10 By: Anchorage Tlingit & Haida Community Council

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13 WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit &

14 Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 32,000 citizens; and

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16 WHEREAS, tribal citizens from the Southeast region routinely travel to Anchorage for

17 medical care and travel through the Anchorage International Airport, and the Alaska Native

18 Health Campus can be overwhelming for patients and their escorts; and

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20 WHEREAS, Anchorage tribal citizens have experienced requests from patients and

21 escorts asking for assistance with getting to housing, appointments, and meals, as well as how to

22 find other patients who are traveling from the region;

23           NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of the  
 24 Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska convened on October 1, 2020,  
 25 hereby requests that the Tlingit & Haida appointee to the SEARHC board explore options for  
 26 having a Tlingit & Haida citizen based in Anchorage to work as a patient advocate at the Alaska  
 27 Native Medical Center to support citizens in navigating the Alaska Tribal Health Campus; and

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 29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the position advertisement be shared with tribal  
 30 assembly delegates to assist with recruitment.

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 32           (ADOPTED/FAILED) this \_\_ day of October 2020, by the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly  
 33 of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

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6 Resolution TA 20-13

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8 Title: Support for Congressional Legislation to Extend the Federal Match to Urban Indian

9 Health Programs

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11 By: Seattle Tlingit & Haida Community Council

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14 WHEREAS, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit &  
15 Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with 32,000 tribal citizens; and

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17 WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida's citizens reside in villages and urban communities  
18 throughout the United States and rely on the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Urban Indian  
19 Health Programs (UIHPs) for medical services; and

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21 WHEREAS, the current Medicaid statute provides that a 100 percent federal match rate  
22 applies to all services provided to American Indians and Alaskan Natives (AI/AN) for Medicaid  
23 services received through the an IHS facility, whether operated by IHS or an Indian tribe or tribal  
24 organization, but excludes UIHPs; and

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26 WHEREAS, a large portion of UIHP patients utilize Medicaid as payment, and UIHPs  
27 that provide Medicaid services are reimbursed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

28 Services by a combination of federal and state dollars whose rates are determined by statute and  
29 vary by state; and

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31 WHEREAS, many states, seeking to balance their budgets, are cutting Medicaid coverage  
32 and funding, which hurts AI/AN people by reducing the number of patients, quality of care, and  
33 the amount of money coming into UIHP programs; and

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35 WHEREAS, S.1180-Urban Indian Health Parity Act and H.R.2316-To amend title XIX  
36 of the Social Security Act to require a Federal medical assistance percentage of 100 percent for  
37 urban Indian organizations, and for other purposes, resolves this issue and provides enhanced  
38 care for our citizens residing in, or visiting, urban areas;

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40 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of  
41 Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened on October 1,  
42 2020, hereby supports the passage and enactment of S.1180 and H.R. 2316; and

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44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida shall send letters in support of these  
45 bills to the Alaska congressional delegation.

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47 (ADOPTED/FAILED) this\_\_ day of October 2020, by the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly  
48 of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

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6 Resolution TA 20-14

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8 Title: Support for Congressional Legislation to Improve Public Health Data Access for

9 Tribal Epidemiology Centers

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11 By: Seattle Tlingit & Haida Community Council

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14 WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit &

15 Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 32,000 citizens; and

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17 WHEREAS, concern about the lack of sufficient public health surveillance and data for

18 disease control for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations made way for

19 Tribal Epidemiology Centers (TECs) to be established under the reauthorization of the Indian

20 Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA) in 1996; and

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22 WHEREAS, since 1996, TECs have provided epidemiology and public health functions

23 critical to the delivery of healthcare and public health services for the Indian health care system

24 comprised of Indian Health Service (IHS) Direct, Tribal 638, and Urban Indian Health Program

25 (UIHP); and

26 WHEREAS, today the Alaska Native Epidemiology Center serves Alaska Native  
27 communities across the IHS Alaska Area and the Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) serves  
28 AI/AN people living in urban areas nationwide; and

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30 WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida's citizens reside in villages and urban communities in  
31 Alaska and throughout the United States and rely on the work of TECs for data, evaluation, and  
32 research services that support the healthcare and public health needs of tribal and urban Indian  
33 communities; and

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35 WHEREAS, TECs were designated as public health authorities in 2010 by the permanent  
36 reauthorization of S. 1790: Indian Health Care Improvement Act in Title X Part III of  
37 PUBL.111-148: Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

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39 WHEREAS, that congressional authorization allows TECs to access to Health and  
40 Human Services (HHS) data as public health authorities; and

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42 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) both delayed access  
43 to COVID-19 Case Surveillance Data and continues to deny TECs access to other public health  
44 data such as the National Notifiable Disease Surveillance System (NNDSS); and

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46 WHEREAS, a failure to grant timely and consistent data access perpetuates systemic  
47 health inequities in tribal and urban AI/AN communities because analysis of NNDSS data and  
48 other CDC collected COVID-19 data is critical to prevent, prepare, and respond to both current  
49 and future surges of COVID-19 using data-driven decision-making; and

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51 WHEREAS, most data on AI/AN populations are collected and maintained by non-  
52 indigenous entities including city, county, state, and federal public health entities that create  
53 fragmented data systems about AI/AN people and communities; and

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55 WHEREAS, TECs are uniquely qualified as public health authorities and therefore best  
56 positioned to advise and lead the appropriate collection and analysis of AI/AN health data and

57 must be allowed to fully operate as public health authorities alongside local, state, and federal  
58 entities by upholding their statutory roles and authorities; and

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60 WHEREAS, TECs continue to advocate for public health data sharing among the CDC,  
61 states, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and TECs to ensure access to AI/AN public health data  
62 to inform healthcare and public health practices, programs, and policies that strengthen the health  
63 of Native communities; and

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65 WHEREAS, H.R. 7948: Tribal Health Data Improvement Act of 2020 is a bill to  
66 encourage data sharing among the CDC, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and TECs would  
67 ensure tribal and urban Indian communities can utilize nationwide data to help guide their public  
68 health decision-making to reduce health disparities among tribal citizens regardless of where  
69 they reside;

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71 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of  
72 Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened on October 1,  
73 2020, hereby supports the passage and enactment of H.R 7948; and

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75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida shall send letters in support of these  
76 bills to Alaska's congressional delegation.

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78 (ADOPTED/FAILED) this\_\_ day of October 2020, by the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly  
79 of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

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President Richard J. Peterson

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Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe

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1 CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

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6 Resolution TA 20-15

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8 Title: Addition of Elizabeth Wanamaker Peratrovich to the International Civil Rights: Walk of

9 Fame

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11 By: Seattle Tlingit & Haida Community Council

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14 WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit &  
15 Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 32,000 tribal citizens; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site in Atlanta, Georgia  
18 recognizes many national and international leaders that contributed to the civil rights movement  
19 as memorialized in the International Civil Rights: Walk of Fame; and

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21 WHEREAS, missing from this site is Elizabeth Wanamaker Peratrovich, recognized as  
22 one of the preeminent civil rights leaders who called out the racism against Alaska Natives and  
23 was instrumental in the passage of the 1945 Alaska (Territory) Civil Rights Act; and

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25 WHEREAS the State of Alaska recognizes and celebrates Elizabeth Peratrovich Day  
26 annually on February 16<sup>th</sup> and the day is celebrated by Tlingit & Haida communities in other  
27 states;



28           NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of  
29 Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened on October 1,  
30 2020, hereby requests the addition of Elizabeth Wanamaker Peratrovich to the International Civil  
31 Rights: Walk of Fame, a National Historic Site in Atlanta, Georgia.

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33           (ADOPTED/FAILED) this \_\_ day of October 2020, by the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly  
34 of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

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President Richard J. Peterson

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Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe

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6 Resolution TA 20-16

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8 Title: Request for Increased Funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System

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10 By: Sitka Tlingit & Haida Community Council

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13 WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit &  
14 Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 32,000 citizens; and

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16 WHEREAS, due to the historical cuts to the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS),  
17 service to Sitka is grossly inadequate and disproportionately and negatively affects Sitka in  
18 comparison to other southeast communities; and

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20 WHEREAS, southeast residents, both Alaska Native and non-Native, depend on the  
21 AMHS ferries to bring them to Sitka, which is a regional hub for health care, and to take them to  
22 a higher level of care, especially those who are unable to fly; and

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24 WHEREAS, limited ferry service negatively affects commerce, and Sitka is the fifth  
25 largest city in Alaska – once a week service is deplorable;

26           NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of  
27 Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened on October 1,  
28 2020, hereby requests increased funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System for necessary  
29 improved service to our communities.

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31           (ADOPTED/FAILED) this \_ day of October 2020, by the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly  
32 of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

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President Richard J. Peterson

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6 Resolution TA 20-17

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8 Title: Opposition to the Closure of Seattle National Archives and Records Administration

9 Facility

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11 By: Seattle Tlingit & Haida Community Council

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14 WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit &  
15 Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 32,000 citizens; and

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17 WHEREAS the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) records of many landmark decisions  
18 affecting Tlingit & Haida and other tribes, and many of those decisions are housed in the  
19 National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) facilities; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Alaskan records that were housed in Anchorage, Alaska until 2014 were  
22 moved to NARA Seattle, Washington facility when the decision was made to close the  
23 Anchorage facility; and

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25 WHEREAS, on January 27, 2020, NARA announced its decision to close and sell the  
26 Seattle, Washington facility and to move the documents to Riverside, California and Kansas  
27 City, Missouri; and

28 WHEREAS, the decision by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to close and  
29 sell was made without engaging tribal, state, and local officials; and

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31 WHEREAS, OMB failed to heed bipartisan congressional requests to engage with these  
32 stakeholders; and

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34 WHEREAS, the decision to move these materials from the Northwest region shows an  
35 absolute disregard for their importance and significance to the 272 federally recognized tribes  
36 located in Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Idaho;

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38 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of  
39 Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened on October 1,  
40 2020, hereby join with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Port Gamble  
41 S’Klallam Tribe and other tribes to voice its condemnation of the proposed closure and sale; and

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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida shall notify its congressional  
44 delegation of our opposition to the closure and sale of the National Archives and Records  
45 Administration Seattle facility; and

46 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida shall further notify the National  
47 Archives and Records Administration and Office of Management and Budget of its opposition to  
48 the closure and sale.

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50 (ADOPTED/FAILED) this\_\_ day of October 2020, by the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly  
51 of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

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6 Resolution TA 20-18

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8 Title: Support for the Landless Communities

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10 By: Seattle Tlingit & Haida Community Council

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13 WHEREAS, Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit &  
14 Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 32,000 citizens; and

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16 WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida exercises its power to address land and resource allocation  
17 issues and uses in the Tongass National Forest; and

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19 WHEREAS, in 1971 the United States Congress enacted the Alaska Native Claims  
20 Settlement Act (ANCSA) to recognize and settle the aboriginal claims of Alaska Natives to their  
21 traditional homelands by authorizing the establishment of Alaska Native Corporations to receive  
22 and manage lands and funds awarded in settlement of the claims of Alaska Natives; and

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24 WHEREAS, ANCSA was passed to provide for a fair and just settlement of all claims  
25 by the indigenous people of Alaska and was to be accomplished rapidly, with certainty, in  
26 conformity with the real economic and social needs of Alaska Natives; and

27           WHEREAS, the Alaska Native communities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee  
28 and Wrangell (known as the Landless communities of Southeast Alaska) were not listed as  
29 communities eligible to form village or urban corporations under ANCSA despite the fact that  
30 these communities comprised greater than 20% of the shareholders of Sealaska; and

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32           WHEREAS, the reason for this exclusion is not explained in the statutory or report  
33 language of ANCSA, and an appeal of this exclusion was not authorized in ANCSA; and

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35           WHEREAS, a Congressional report commissioned in 1993 to examine the reasons why  
36 the five communities were denied ANCSA eligibility indicates that the communities do not  
37 differ significantly from the Southeast Alaska communities that were allowed ANCSA  
38 eligibility; and

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40           WHEREAS, these five Landless communities have sought full eligibility for ANCSA  
41 benefits for over four decades;

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43           NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of  
44 Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened on October 1,  
45 2020, hereby agrees that the Landless communities should be eligible to form Alaska Native  
46 Corporations and to receive land selection rights and compensation under ANCSA; and



47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida shall send letters of support to the  
48 Alaska congressional delegation.

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50 (ADOPTED/FAILED) this\_\_ day of October 2020, by the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly  
51 of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

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**CERTIFY**

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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

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Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe

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	Credentials/Enrollment		Finance		Governmental Affairs (Fed./State)
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	Judiciary		Education	x	Natural Res. / Fisheries / Subsistence
	Resolutions		Health & Human Services		Veterans
	Tribal Government Rules				

1 CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

2 Eighty-Fifth Annual Tribal Assembly

3 October 1, 2020

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5 Resolution TA 20-19

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7 Title: Support for the Protection of Vital International Rivers from Transboundary

8 Mining

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10 By: Ketchikan Tlingit & Haida Community Council

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13 WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit &  
14 Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 32,000 citizens; and

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16 WHEREAS, British Columbia is permitting and supporting several large mines in the  
17 headwaters of the productive rivers Tlingit & Haida citizens rely on; and

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19 WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida does not oppose resource development in Southeast Alaska  
20 as mining contributes to our rural economies that tribal citizens rely on; and

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22 WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida recognizes that these transboundary mines in Canada offer  
23 no economic benefit to Alaskans but pose a significant risk to our tribal citizens and way of life;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has entered into a non-binding agreement with British  
26 Columbia for information sharing that does not preclude the involvement of the United States  
27 federal government or the invocation of the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty; and

28           WHEREAS, the non-binding agreement between Alaska and British Columbia does not  
29 and cannot require financial assurances that the mining companies will compensate Tlingit &  
30 Haida citizens if harm from these developments should occur; and

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32           WHEREAS, financial assurances and other safe mining practices could be enforced  
33 through an agreement between the United States federal government and Canada; and

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35           WHEREAS, many of the communities in Southeast Alaska and all of Alaska’s  
36 congressional delegation have requested federal involvement in the transboundary region; and

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38           WHEREAS, the federal government can apply increased resources and expertise to  
39 complement the work Tlingit & Haida has done in the region;

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41           NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of the  
42 Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska convened on October 1, 2020,  
43 hereby supports our congressional delegation’s request that the United States federal government  
44 become involved in the transboundary region; and

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46           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida requests that the federal  
47 government invoke the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty; and

48 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida requests that the Governor of  
49 Alaska also support this request for federal involvement and for invocation of the 1909 Boundary  
50 Waters Treaty.

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52 (ADOPTED/FAILED) this \_\_ day of October 2020, by the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly  
53 of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

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**CERTIFY**

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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

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Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe

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1                   CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA  
2                                   Eighty-Fifth Annual Tribal Assembly  
3                                           October 1, 2020  
4                                           Juneau, Alaska

6                                           Resolution TA 20-25

8                   Title: Declaration of a Climate Emergency and Commitment to Climate Mobilization

10                                   By: Seattle Tlingit & Haida Community Council

13                   WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit &  
14 Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 32,000 citizens; and

16                   WHEREAS, the Tlingit and Haida people have existed since time immemorial as the  
17 guardians of their lands and waters; and

19                   WHEREAS, in 2019 the Taku Glacier, the last remaining glacier to retreat on the planet,  
20 began to recede and shrink since measurements first began in 1946; and

22                   WHEREAS, the current rate of ocean acidification is faster than any time on record; ten  
23 times faster than the last major acidification event 55 million years ago; and

25                   WHEREAS, unprecedented extreme local weather events such as sustained ocean  
26 warming and regional droughts have afflicted our lands and waters in recent years; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Tongass National Forest, the world's fourth largest forest, has  
29 significant global carbon sink and is currently being studied by the United States Department of  
30 Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service for alternatives that would open it up for additional logging,  
31 threatening our local ability to combat climate change; and  
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33 WHEREAS, in 2019 Tlingit & Haida recognized the threat of climate change and  
34 commissioned the Climate Change Adaptation Plan to begin the long process of addressing the  
35 consequences presented by global climate change; and  
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37 WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida found in said plan that the threat of climate change would  
38 seriously threaten subsistence living, traditional gathering grounds, salmon, halibut, herring,  
39 shellfish, and yellow cedar; and  
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41 WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida is committed to a high quality of life for all of its tribal  
42 citizens, seven generations, and beyond, with access to healthy, affordable housing,  
43 environmentally friendly transportation options, access to sustainable jobs, a rich cultural  
44 community that honors our ancestors and culture, and a thriving ecological environment to  
45 sustain our salmon, orca, and other threatened wildlife; and  
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47 WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida, through the National Congress of American Indians,  
48 recognized the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it by reaffirming the Paris  
49 Agreement, and working to limit warming to no more than 1.5°C; and  
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51 WHEREAS, global temperatures having increased approximately 1.1°C above late 19th  
52 century levels, demonstrating that climate change is causing damage to the earth as experienced  
53 by increased and intensifying wildfires, floods, rising seas, diseases, homelessness, species  
54 extinctions, food and potable water shortages, droughts, and extreme weather; and  
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56 WHEREAS, unchecked climate change will bring evermore drastic decline to the health  
57 and prosperity of future generations, particularly for indigenous communities such as our own;  
58 and

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60 WHEREAS, the longer we delay taking definitive action to reduce carbon pollution the  
61 greater the threat posed by climate change to current and future generations and the more costly  
62 it will be to protect and maintain our community from the impacts of climate change; and

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64 WHEREAS, restoring a safe and stable climate requires “Climate Mobilization” across  
65 all of our society, including all levels of government and across all economic sectors including:  
66 agriculture, manufacturing, transportation, and energy production at a speed and scale not seen  
67 since World War II to reach zero greenhouse gas emissions, to rapidly and safely drawdown  
68 excess carbon from the atmosphere; and

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70 WHEREAS, transition to a climate-safe future requires the need for regional community  
71 participation, inclusion, and support, and recognizes that the residents of Southeast Alaska,  
72 particularly frontline communities, villages, and community organizations, including  
73 communities of faith, youth, organized labor, business, academic institutions, and environmental,  
74 economic, racial, gender, family and disability justice, indigenous, immigrant, and women’s  
75 rights organizations and other such allies will be integral to and in the leadership of the  
76 mobilization effort; and

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78 WHEREAS, on September 20, 2019 and December 6, 2019 our youth joined with their  
79 allies around the world to call for a global Climate Emergency and greater, more urgent climate  
80 leadership from their elected officials and public institutions; and

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82 WHEREAS, we have seen time and again that seemingly impossible challenges can be  
83 met when our community is mobilized; and

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85 WHEREAS, each generation has a duty to preserve a sustainable and healthy planet for  
86 future generations;

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88 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of  
89 Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened on October 1,

90 2020, hereby declares that our sovereign nation, the region, the state, the United States of  
 91 America, civilization, humanity, and the natural world are experiencing a climate emergency,  
 92 and that Tlingit & Haida commits to a climate emergency mobilization effort to combat global  
 93 warming that will result in a just transition to a carbon neutral economy by 2050 and accelerates  
 94 adaptation and resilience strategies in preparation for intensifying climate impacts; and

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96 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida will identify goals and policies to  
 97 bolster the Tribe’s sustainability efforts and reduce its climate impact; and

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99 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida will work with local partners,  
 100 governments, and other tribes to address a regionally comprehensive and coordinated effort to  
 101 combat climate change.

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103 (ADOPTED/FAILED) this \_\_ day of October 2020, by the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly  
 104 of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

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**CERTIFY**

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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

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Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe

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1 CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

2 Eighty-Fifth Annual Tribal Assembly

3 October 1, 2020

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5 Resolution TA 20-26

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7 Title: Establishment of Veteran Staff Support and Support for Amendment of the Alaska Native

8 Vietnam Era Veterans Land Allotment Act

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10 By: Sitka Tlingit & Haida Community Council

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13 WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit &

14 Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 32,000 citizens; and

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16 WHEREAS, Public Law 116-9 included the Alaska Native Vietnam Era Veterans Land

17 Allotment Act and the purpose of this Act is to provide an opportunity for certain Alaska Native

18 Vietnam era veterans to select and receive an allotment of federal land in the State of Alaska, and

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20 WHEREAS, under the Act an “eligible individual” means an individual who is a Native

21 veteran who served during the period between August 5, 1964 and December 31, 1971; and

22 WHEREAS, Alaska Native veterans served in the armed forces at the highest rates; and

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24 WHEREAS, Alaska Native veterans did not have a reasonable opportunity to comment  
25 on this bill, and due diligence was not made to hear their voices; and

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27 WHEREAS, lands selected by Alaska under the Alaska Statehood Act or a regional or  
28 village corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, but not yet conveyed, can be  
29 made available by the state or the corporations for selection; and

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31 WHEREAS, the act includes “Exclusions” such that the term “ available Federal land”  
32 does not include any federal land in Alaska that is a right of way of the trans-Alaska Pipeline, an  
33 inner or outer corridor of such right away, withdrawn or acquired for purposes of the Armed  
34 Forces, under review for a pending right of way for a natural gas corridor, within the Arctic  
35 National Wildlife Refuge, within a unit of the National Forest System, within a unit of the  
36 National Park System, a National Preserve, or a National Monument; and

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38 WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Interior, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans  
39 Affairs, shall conduct outreach, and aid in applying for allotments, to eligible individuals; and

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41 WHEREAS, in general, an eligible individual may select not more than 2 parcels of  
42 available federal land totaling not more than 160 acres; a parcel of available federal land selected  
43 shall not be less than 2.5 acres;

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45 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of  
46 Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened on Oct 1, 2020  
47 hereby states that Tlingit & Haida supports the Alaska Native Vietnam Veteran’s Coalition for

48 Lands, and their effort to pursue amendment to Public Law 116-9 to allow Alaska Native  
49 veterans to draw lands from the Tongass National Forest; and

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51 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, Tlingit & Haida shall continue to be a strong advocate  
52 for our Alaska Native Veterans, who not only protected our great United States of America, but  
53 our ancestral homelands.

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55 (ADOPTED/FAILED) this \_\_ day of October 2020, by the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly  
56 of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

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**CERTIFY**

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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

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Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe

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