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Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Seventy-Ninth Annual Tribal Assembly
April 9-12, 2014
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA/ 14-09

Title: Suicide Prevention

By: Juneau Delegate Bill Martin & Ketchikan Delegate Rob Sanderson

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 29,000 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, Alaska ranks highest for suicide in the United States at twice the national average; and

WHEREAS, one Alaska Native takes his or her life every three days; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 and 34; and

WHEREAS, on average, there is a death by suicide in the United States every 13.7 minutes; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 6,000,000 individuals in the United States and every Alaska Native family are survivors of suicide, meaning they have lost a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a leading noncombat cause of death among members of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, on average, 22 veterans are lost to suicide in the United States each day amounting to 8,000 veterans per year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seventy-Ninth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 9-12, 2014, hereby adopt a plan where Central Council's management attend a two-hour training session on the "Signs of Suicide" by the Juneau Suicide Coalition and have the following help line information available to all employees: 1-800-273-8255 and/or Text "4help" to 839863; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska recommend to the management teams of SEARHC, Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority, Sealaska Corporation and the federally recognized tribes of Southeast Alaska to have similar training.

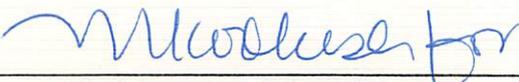
ADOPTED this 12th day of April 2014, by the Seventy-Ninth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw