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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/ 14-15

Title: Formation of a Central Council Language Department

By: Kasaan Tlingit and Haida Community Council

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, Central Council's Mission is "Preserving our sovereignty, enhancing our economic and cultural resources, and promoting self-sufficiency and self-governance for our citizens through collaboration, service, and advocacy"; and

WHEREAS, Central Council's Tribal Values are: Discipline and Obedience to the Traditions of our Ancestors; Respect for Self, Elders and Others; Respect for Nature and Property; Patience; Pride in Family, Clan and Tradition is found in Love, Loyalty and Generosity; Be Strong in Mind, Body and Spirit; Humor; Hold Each Other Up; Listen Well and with Respect; Speak with Care; We are Stewards of the Air, Land and Sea; Reverence for Our Creator; Live in Peace and Harmony; Be Strong and Have Courage; and

WHEREAS, there are currently an estimated 200 speakers of Tlingit and 12 speakers of Haida worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Central Council is committed to reversing language shift and revitalizing our Tlingit and Haida languages in the name of sovereignty, cultural resources, and traditional values.

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 directs its Executive Council and Administration to develop a Language Department within the Central Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Language Program is served with the task of unifying existing programs, identifying regional language projects like language nests and

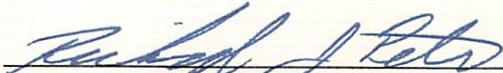
immersion schools, locating funding to pay fluent speakers for their time in language projects, and supporting the community of new and existing speakers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Executive Council and Administration are directed to develop a funding strategy to ensure that the Language Program develops responsibly with the promise of growth and stability; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Language Program shall exist permanently within the Central Council, just as our languages shall exist permanently on the land of our grandparents.

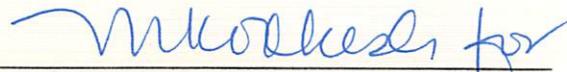
ADOPTED this 12th day of April 2014, by the Seventy-Ninth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw