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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/ 14-27

Title: Changing the Twenty Dollar Bill

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, Andrew Jackson is the central figure on the face of the \$20.00 bill, which creates a level of recognition above most U.S. Presidents and all other leaders; and

WHEREAS, the policies implemented by his administration, such as the Indian Removal Act 1830, caused the forced relocation of over 45,000 Native American Citizens of those Tribes along with the exceedingly high death toll, and includes the infamous "Trail of Tears"; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned presidency created Jim Crow laws that fueled racial inequity pertaining to voting and human rights, and the opposition of the fourteenth amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which addresses citizenship rights and equal protection of the laws; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of an individual who caused so much suffering and racial inequity, and is directly responsible for the massive loss of Native American property, rights, and life, threatens the welfare of Native American people today as well as the relationship between tribes and the federal government; and

WHEREAS, such recognition contributes to ongoing racial hostility towards Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit leader Mr. William Paul (Shgwinde), a member of the Teeyhittaaan clan, and Grand President Emeritus of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, which is the oldest Native American civil rights organization; and

WHEREAS, Mr. William Paul was the first Alaska Native elected to the Alaska State Legislature, and was instrumental in winning the right for Natives to vote in 1922, and desegregating Alaska schools in 1929; and

WHEREAS, Mr. William Paul developed the legal theory for aboriginal title which would ultimately result in defense of land claims, and in collaboration with other Alaska Native leaders would result in the passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA).

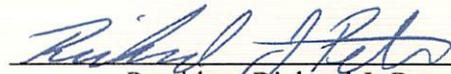
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seventy-Ninth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 9-12, 2014, hereby petitions the U.S. Government to remove Andrew Jackson's image from the \$20.00 bill, and replace it with a Native American Rights Activist; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that William Paul, who was a heroic civil rights advocate for Native Americans, is most appropriate to replace Andrew Jackson's image on the \$20.00 bill in light of Andrew Jackson's policies; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution to put William Paul's image on the \$20.00 bill be submitted to the Alaska State Legislature, Alaska's Congressional Delegation, the U.S. Treasury Dept., and the President of the United States of America.

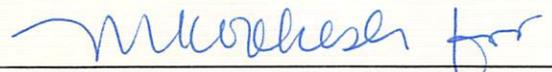
ADOPTED this 12th day of April 2014, by the Seventy-Ninth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw