



CENTRAL COUNCIL  
*Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*  
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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA  
Eightieth Annual Tribal Assembly  
April 15-17, 2015  
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA/ 15-12

Title: Request the Tribal Judiciary Committee to Undertake the Preparation of a Code that  
Would Provide for the Legal Management of Estate of Deceased Tribal Citizens

By: Juneau Tlingit and Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is a federally recognized tribe with nearly 30,000 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, many Tlingit and Haida families at the time of passing of their parents face a legal requirement to manage their estates utilizing State statutes and also the U.S. Department of Interior – BIA / BLM regulations related to real property; and

WHEREAS, the heirs of an estate can use an informal or formal approach outlined in a State's statute and may designate a personal representative / executor to manage the probate of an estate; and

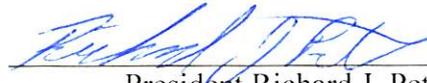
WHEREAS, Tlingit and Haida families have been subject to the Alaska Superior Court processes which have not correctly identified the heirs of an estate, allowed for public notice creditors and heirs, complete identification of property, allowed for the cultural preservation and protection of family tribal heirlooms and their proper distribution to heirs; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a tribal code would enable Tlingit and Haida tribal citizens and their families to manage the estates of deceased parents and family members in a more timely way and a more appropriately culturally sensitive manner.

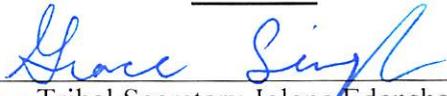
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eightieth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 15-17, 2015, hereby request the Tribal Judiciary Committee to undertake the preparation of a code that would provide for the legal management of estates of deceased tribal citizens for presentation at the April 2017 Tribal Assembly.

ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015, by the Eightieth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

**CERTIFY**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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for: Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw