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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
Eighty-First Annual Tribal Assembly
April 20-22, 2016
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA/ 16-13

Title: In support of Sobermiut creating an Alaska Native Community Center

By: Anchorage 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 30,000 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Vision of Sobermiut is “*A society of individuals, families and communities of Arctic Nations who are spiritually and culturally connected, and are leading a holistic approach to a healthy lifestyle.*”; and

WHEREAS, the Mission of Sobermiut is “*To unify Alaska Native individuals, families, and communities to revive shared values that help to recognize, reinforce and appreciate the merits of a healthy lifestyle free of alcohol and drug abuse.*”; and

WHEREAS, the word *sobermiut* is a term derived from the Inupiat language meaning sober people; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Sobermiut conducted an Alaska Native Community Needs Assessment within Anchorage Alaska. The Executive Summary states that “A concern exists regarding the Alaska Native sense of belonging in our community; there is a need for a safe, clean and healthy place for teens and the whole family. Drug and alcohol free; a center to have celebrations and include cultural practices such as arts and crafts, to promote community unity.” and

WHEREAS, The Sobermiut recognizes the virtue of upholding the shared values of all indigenous peoples, e.g., “Unity”, “Cooperation”, “Respect for Self & Others”, and the “Sharing of Resources for Mutual Survival”, has and will continue to approach many Alaska Native for-profit and non-profit organizations with the idea of creating an Alaska Native Community Center in Anchorage, Alaska, for all Alaska Native people; and

WHEREAS, Sobermiut has developed a Business Plan and received no more than 10 architectural drawings from architectural students enrolled in the University of Alaska Anchorage, Architectural and Engineering Technology Department. And has begun to form partnerships with the Native Village of Eklutna, Tegbughna Foundation, Alaska Native Sports Association, Awakening Spiritual Unity, and the Path of the Raven. In Sobermiut’s partnerships building the organization now seeks resolutions of support from all federally recognized tribes, businesses, associations, consortiums, organizations, and all groups who share their vision of a Native Community Center in Anchorage, Alaska.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eighty-First Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 20-22, 2016, hereby support the shared vision of Sobermiut, Reviving Our Spirit, and its desire to create an Alaska Native Community Center in Anchorage, Alaska; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Alaska Native Community Center will serve as a model for fulfilling the State of Alaska Statute 47.37.010.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of April 2016, by the Eighty-First Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe