



CENTRAL COUNCIL  
*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/ 16-20

Title: Establishing a Southeast Alaska Native Education Coalition

By: Juneau 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, there is a need for enhanced communication between Alaska Native student education stakeholders and school districts including school boards and superintendents, local, state, and federal educational offices and policy makers; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Native student success is enhanced through unified stakeholders advocacy for culturally responsive education strategies and addressing of critical education issues; and

WHEREAS, language instruction and culturally responsive teaching continue to be set in competition with core academic subjects and integration is not prevalent though a proven factor for Alaska Native student success; and

WHEREAS, Alaska schools are Alaska Native serving institutions charged with the education of Alaska Native and Native American youth; and

WHEREAS, geographic distances between communities necessitate creative use of internet, phone, email, and social media to collaborate on a regular basis to address local, state, and federal educational issues, challenges, and opportunities.

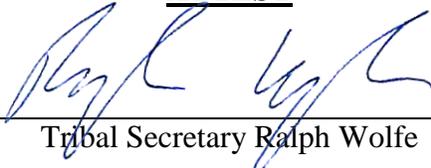
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-First Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 20-22, 2016, requests the establishment of a Southeast Alaska Native Education Coalition with representatives from each Community Council, and Southeast Alaska Native education organizations to electronically convene regularly for the purpose of examining critical factors for Alaska Native student success, share successes and challenges, and to make recommendations on initiatives to educational strategies and systemic heritage language instruction that will benefit Alaska Native youth achievement and engagement.

ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2016, by the Eighty-First 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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Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe