



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/ 16-27

Title: Resolution for the Control and Elimination of Tobacco in the Work Place
and Enclosed Public Places.

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 Central Council, is an Indian tribe as defined in Section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Pub. L. 93-638, 25 U.S.C. 450b; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Native people have the highest rate of tobacco use in the state of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease and Alaska Native people suffer serious health consequences including heart disease and cancer; and

WHEREAS, secondhand tobacco smoke exposure is another leading cause of preventable death, and causes disease in healthy nonsmokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and cancer; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the U.S. Surgeon General that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, air ventilation systems do not work, and that only completely smoke free environments can protect health; and

WHEREAS, a significant amount of secondhand smoke exposure for Alaska Native adults and children occurs in the workplace and even short exposures may result in serious adverse health effects and even death; and

WHEREAS, electronic cigarettes or any vapor products are not a harmless alternative to traditional cigarettes and are not FDA approved cessation devices; and

WHEREAS, tobacco-free workplaces protect people from secondhand smoke, reduce tobacco use overall, support healthy lifestyles, model healthy behavior, and support quit attempts; and

WHEREAS, the health of our people is of utmost importance and Alaska Native people have taken a lead in addressing health issues throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, tobacco-free Tribal workplaces will protect the health of our children, grandchildren, families, and community members.

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 agrees that tobacco use, including electronic cigarettes or devices shall be prohibited within the facilities owned, operated, or leased by the Central Council including:

- a) all areas within enclosed places that are open to and frequented by the public; and
- b) all areas within places of employment; and
- c) all outdoor areas within 20 feet of entrances, exits, and windows that open to enclosed public places and places of employment.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that signs prohibiting tobacco use shall be posted and a no tobacco use distance no less than 20 feet from any entrances be enforced.

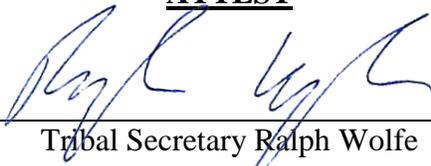
ADOPTED this 22nd day of April 2016, by the Eighty-First Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe