



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/ 16-28

Title: Tribal Foster Home Certifications and Placement

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, there are Tlingit and Haida children in state custody and limited Tlingit and Haida citizens that have a foster care license; and

WHEREAS, Central Council has a Child Welfare Program that is notified by state court systems if a Tlingit and Haida child is taken into state custody. The Tribe continues to exercise due diligence to insure tribal children are placed in ICWA preference placements; and

WHEREAS, there are tribal citizens who would like to foster our Alaska Native children, however, may face barriers with the state foster care licensing process; and

WHEREAS, Central Council has the authority to make recommendations to state courts for the placement of Tribal children, both inside and outside of Alaska as defined by ICWA.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eighty-First Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 20-22, 2016, hereby supports the current efforts of the Central Council Child Welfare Program to recruit, license and retain Tribal citizens as Tribal foster parents and advocate for placements in Native foster homes; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that recruitment efforts for Native foster homes be at the grassroots level and communicated through the delegates of the Tribal Assembly in their respective communities.

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