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Executive Council of the Central Council  
TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC/ 15-46

Title: Acknowledging Its Strong Commitment to Equity and Equal Access, and Supports  
Legislative Funding for Alaska's Learning Network (AKLN).

WHEREAS, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is a federally recognized tribe of more than 30,000 tribal citizens worldwide; and

WHEREAS, high school students who attend the many small rural schools in Alaska have limited opportunities to meet the requirements of the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) in order to attain their post-secondary college and career aspirations;

WHEREAS, this creates an inherent inequity for students from rural communities compared to those students attending larger schools in Alaska's major population areas;

WHEREAS, Alaska's Department of Labor and Workforce Development projects that by 2020 roughly 65% of Alaska's fastest-growing, high-wage jobs will require a postsecondary credential;

WHEREAS, Alaska's Learning Network (AKLN) was created in 2010 to address inequity by providing all Alaska's high school students equal access to high quality College and Career Ready coursework delivered statewide through online learning;

WHEREAS, AKLN has made significant gains under new University of Alaska Southeast management by significantly increasing its student enrollment throughout Alaska;

WHEREAS, AKLN strong completion rate is a result of robust support given by its academic counselor, on-site supervisors, course mentors, and its dedicated staff and teachers:

WHEREAS, AKLN continues its commitment to Alaska students by developing effective Alaska place-based courses taught by highly qualified Alaskan teachers;

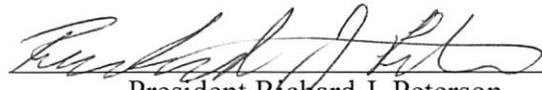
WHEREAS, AKLN will continue to develop, support, and assess initiatives that strengthen postsecondary expectations, preparation, and support services with a goal to increase the percentage of all Alaskans who complete postsecondary education, particularly earning credentials relevant to a strong Alaskan economy; and,

WHEREAS, Alaskan stakeholders committed to improving our overall postsecondary attainment rates, and closing attainment gaps, include Alaska’s school districts, Native corporations and Tribal organizations, elected officials, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, the Alaska State School Board, the University of Alaska, the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, and the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development;

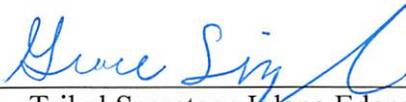
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council hereby endorses Alaska’s Learning Network (AKLN), for its dedicated work in providing quality college and career ready courses to all Alaskan students with equity, fidelity, and support and encourages the Alaska Legislature to provide AKLN with adequate funding for FY2017 and beyond.

ADOPTED this 17 day of December 2015, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 0 absence(s).

CERTIFY

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST

  
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for: Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw