



CENTRAL COUNCIL
Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
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Executive Council of the Central Council
TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Resolution EC/ 16-05

Title: PARTICIPATION IN THE CCTHITA TITLE IV-E FOSTER CARE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Federally recognized Tribes in Alaska have inherent authority to regulate internal domestic relations which include but are not limited to (1) initiating Tribal court proceedings to protect eligible and actual Tribal member children and (2) accepting transfer of jurisdiction of eligible and actual Tribal member children from the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, Office of Children's Services (hereinafter referred to as "DHSS") and (3) administering placement and care responsibility of the children for both types of cases; and

WHEREAS, There is a shortage of foster homes for Tribal children throughout the State of Alaska and there is a shortage of funding for Tribally licensed foster homes; and

WHEREAS, The Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (hereinafter known as "CCTHITA") and the DHSS have entered into a 42 USC §672 (a)(2)(B) Title IV-E Maintenance Agreement (herein after the "Agreement") which gives CCTHITA responsibility to administer the Title IV-E Foster Care Maintenance Program for Tribes located in the CCTHITA service area; and

WHEREAS, The Social Security Act, 42 USC 672 (a)(2)(B)(ii) provides CCTHITA Tribal citizens residing in Juneau, AK who come under CCTHITA jurisdiction; the authority for the State of Alaska to reimburse CCTHITA which has the responsibility of a child's placement and care. For purposes of the Agreement, the CCTHITA will serve as an agent for the day to day responsibility which includes placement and care authority given to the Tribal Social Service agency by the Tribal Court ; and

WHEREAS, CCTHITA as a "Tribal government" for federal program purposes, will administer and provide oversight of the Title IV-E Maintenance Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Through the Agreement, the State of Alaska will pass-through foster care payments to CCTHITA on behalf of eligible Tribal children placed in Tribally licensed foster homes in the CCTHITA service area outlined in the IV-E Maintenance Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CCTHITA shall follow Title IV-E mandated statutory and regulatory protections for Tribal children covered under the Agreement

including, but not limited to, case planning, administrative reviews, permanency hearings, health and education records;

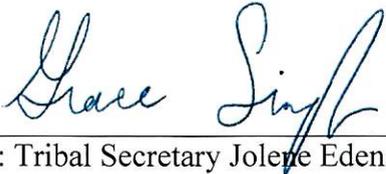
ADOPTED this 25th day of February 2016, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 1 absence(s).

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



FOR: Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw