Title: Supporting the Sitka Tribe of Alaska’s proposal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Tribal Cooperative Landscape Conservation Program

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, Central Council recognizes the importance of our natural resources and the relationship and impacts that climate change might have; and

WHEREAS, the occurrence of harmful algal blooms that produce bio-toxins has increased in Southeast Alaska and this increase is likely caused by changing ocean chemistry associated with climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Central Council, Native Lands & Resources Department is in a partnership with the Southeast Alaska Tribal Toxins (SEATT) Network which consists of the Craig Tribal Association, Klawock Cooperative Association, Organized Village of Kasaan, Petersburg Indian Association, Sitka Tribe of Alaska, and Yakutat Tlingit Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka Tribe of Alaska is submitting a proposal to the BIA, Tribal Cooperative Landscape Conservation Program to distribute supplies to the SEATT partnering tribes.

WHEREAS, the SEATT Network will monitor and collect data on the timing of harmful algae blooms, cyst beds, and development of an ocean acidification monitoring component to the program in the Southeast Alaska region; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council does hereby support the Sitka Tribe of Alaska’s proposal to the BIA for the Tribal Cooperative Landscape Conservation Program.
ADOPTED this 13\textsuperscript{th} day of April, 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

President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST

For: Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw