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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Eighty-Third Annual Tribal Assembly
April 18-20, 2018
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 18-11

Title: Directive to Explore Greater Flexibility in the Use of NAHASDA Funds to Better Serve
All Tlingit & Haida Citizens

By: Seattle Tlingit & Haida Community Council

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

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida's tribal citizens reside in villages and urban communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the lack of housing options, housing insecurity and homelessness together present health issues for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN), and such issues have been documented to be one of the most pressing health issues for tribal citizens in the greater Seattle area and King County; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida has designated Tlingit - Haida Regional Health Authority (THRHA) as its Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE); and

WHEREAS, because it has designated THRHA as the Tribe's TDHE, Tlingit & Haida does not have independent authority to allocate its Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) dollars; and

WHEREAS, the THRHA Board of Commissioners has prioritized the housing needs of Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, federal laws also limit the Tribe's ability to exercise independent decision making outside the TDHE structure; and

WHEREAS, it will take exploration with our Alaska D.C. delegations, as well as the House Financial Services Housing and Insurance Sub-Committee, the Senate Finance Committee and any sub-committees of such committees having jurisdiction with respect to American Indian/Alaska Native affairs to find a solution for greater flexibility of our NAHASDA funds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Third Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 18-20, 2018, hereby directs Tlingit & Haida to explore any and all means with our Alaska delegation to achieve greater flexibility with our Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act funds.

ADOPTED this 20th day of April 2018, by the Eighty-Third Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe