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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 18-18

Title: Tlingit Language Revitalization

By: Sitka 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, Sitka Tribe of Alaska is the federally recognized tribe of more than 4,400 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida and Sitka Tribe of Alaska are responsible for the health, safety, welfare, and cultural preservation of their tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Tlingit language is an integral part of Tlingit culture, history, and identity, expressing a unique worldview that is inextricably tied to the land of Southeast Alaska, Sitka, and the Tlingit people's relationship with the land; and

WHEREAS, the tribal citizens of Sitka, Alaska have identified the preservation and revitalization of Tlingit language as the top cultural priority in the 2004, 2008, 2013 and 2017 Sitka Tribe of Alaska Tribal Needs Assessments; and

WHEREAS, the community of Sitka as a whole recognizes the importance that increased access to Tlingit language and other cultural activities can have on both the personal and academic success of Native youth; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida and Sitka Tribe of Alaska have been working to preserve and revitalize the Tlingit language through collaboration on programs such as the Wooch.een Head Start Preschool, and parent, family and community Tlingit language learning activities; and

WHEREAS, Sitka Tribe of Alaska has been undertaking additional efforts to preserve and revitalize the Tlingit language through programs such as the master-apprentice learning, Sitka Native Education Program culture classes, high school Tlingit language classes, and other programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, we must work together as tribal governments and as communities of Southeast Alaska to preserve and revitalize the Tlingit language, and ensure it exists and is used for generations to come;

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 supports the efforts of Sitka Tribe of Alaska and the community of Sitka to preserve and revitalize the Tlingit language.

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