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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 18-19

Title: Improving Native Education through Culturally-Responsive Education

By: Juneau 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, research has shown the effectiveness of using culture and place-based teaching resources and methods to improve academic achievement for Indigenous students; and

WHEREAS, a 2013 study on Juneau's Tlingit culture, Language and Literacy program found a significant increase in the graduation rate of students initially enrolled in the program; and

WHEREAS, studies over the past three decades have shown that Native language and culturally-responsive programs are associated with improved academic performance, decreased dropout rates and improved school attendance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Third Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 18-20, 2018, hereby calls on the State of Alaska and the University of Alaska Board of Regents to:

- increase funding to school districts not already assigned to language and cultural activities within the budget at schools to provide educators with a deep understanding of culturally-responsive education and equip them to transform their classrooms, pedagogy and curriculum to fully support all students' success; and
- require the University of Alaska School of Education to instruct new teachers in culturally-responsive education.

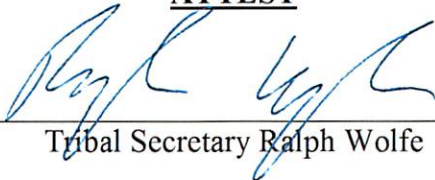
ADOPTED this 20th day of April 2018, by the Eighty-Third Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe