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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 18-23

Title: Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council in Support of the Addiction Action Committee

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, Alaska's rates of heroin and opioid abuse have dramatically increased in recent years; from 2009 to 2015, the number of heroin-related deaths in the state quadrupled; additionally, deaths related to the use of synthetic opioids such as fentanyl have now been documented in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 Governor Bill Walker declared a public health crisis in order to combat the state's opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic is a complex problem of supply and demand issues in Alaska Native communities and solutions require more local data to inform action, along with collaboration across multiple sectors in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida President Richard Peterson has created the Addiction Action Committee in response to address this opioid crisis as well as the other addictions that plague our communities;

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 Addiction Action Committee and requests them to develop a strategic plan with the following vision and objectives:

VISION – With strong resilient tribal citizens, Tlingit & Haida will successfully combat addictions like the current opioid epidemic and create environments for our current and future generations to thrive.

GOAL – Increase the capacity of our Tribe to take actions that will help reduce addiction to opioids and other substances in the communities we represent.

OBJECTIVES –

- Participate in alternatives to pain management strategy
- Expand resources and access to addiction prevention, treatment, wellness and recovery strategies
- Coordinate with law enforcement agencies and develop tribal, cultural and family solutions to address the public safety and related drug court issues
- Develop community strategies for awareness, education and prevention in coordination with key partners and citizens
- Examine litigation strategies to participate in economic and injunctive relief to prevent future abuses of pharmaceutical company oversupply
- Advocate for resource, policy and research needs with federal/state/local governments
- Examine existing data on these issues and develop a monitoring system to evaluate progress

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