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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 18-27

Title: Increase Investigation of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women

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, Native American women experience violence at much higher rates than other populations, a recent federal study reported that Native American women face murder rates over ten times the national average, many of these crimes often are unsolved and even unreported; in addition, Native American women have very high rates of disappearances, the exact numbers of which are unknown, because there is no comprehensive data collection system for reporting or tracking missing Native American women and this gap in reporting and investigation places Native American women in situations even more vulnerable to violence; and

WHEREAS, although a neglected issue in society, there is a growing awareness of this crisis of violence against Native American women and a recognition of the need for the criminal justice system to better serve and protect Native American women; and the Executive Council intends to find ways to connect state, tribal, and federal resources to create partnerships in finding ways to solve this crisis facing Native American women in our State and Tribal 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, requests the states of Alaska and Washington, and the US Department of Justice conduct studies to determine how to increase criminal justice protection and investigative resources for reporting and identifying missing Native American women in these states; that they include tribal representatives and allied partners, to ascertain the best way to determine these numbers and the scope of the problem, identify barriers, and find ways to create partnerships to increase reporting and investigation of missing Native American women; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that collaboration with federally recognized tribes be conducted through government to government consultation, that state law enforcement agencies shall be encouraged to work with the federal department of justice to increase information sharing and coordinating resources that can focus on reporting and investigating missing Native American women in these states, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tlingit & Haida petition the US Department of Justice to evaluation and report on progress by federal and state law enforcement agencies in investigating and reducing the incidence of missing and murdered indigenous women no later than December 31, 2019 from the states of Alaska and Washington, and US Department of Justice.

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