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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Eighty-Fourth Annual Tribal Assembly
April 10-12, 2019
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 19-05

Title: Secure a Twenty Percent Non-Federal Shares Match for Head Start Programs

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 31,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida Head Start serves ten Southeast Alaska communities; Angoon, Craig, Hoonah, Juneau, Klawock, Petersburg, Saxman, Sitka, Wrangell, and Yakutat providing comprehensive services for 262 children, ages three years to five years, who benefit from comprehensive services looking at the “whole child”; and

WHEREAS, “whole child” services by Tlingit & Haida Head Start facilities include not only educational components, but medical, dental, mental health care, and nutritional components as well including parents and/or guardians to help foster their child’s development, and fostering a family’s ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage; and

WHEREAS, studies have documented Head Start Programs, improve early childhood development in language, literacy and math, social-emotional skills, cognitive development, and the family as a whole (*See Appendix A*); and

WHEREAS, Alaska Head Start receives \$46 million dollars from federal programs annually which require 20% non-federal dollar(s) match; currently, Tlingit & Haida Head Start relies on Alaska State funds to provide approximately 80% of the 20% non-federal match; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s FY 2020 budget proposal calls for a cut of all funds to pre-kindergarten programs which would equate to an initial loss of 73 child slots within the ten Head Start facilities served by Tlingit & Haida, and the loss of twelve staff member positions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fourth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 10-12, 2019, hereby requests the Governor and Legislature of the State of Alaska support our tribal children by fully funding the non-federal match requirement of Head Start Programs or, as a last resort, obtaining federal approval of a waiver for the 20% funding match.

ADOPTED this 11th day of April 2019, by the Eighty-Fourth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe

APPENDIX A

1. Facts and Impacts, National Head Start Association: <https://www.nhsa.org/facts-and-impacts>.
2. 2010 Head Start Impact Study:
https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/opre/executive_summary_final.pdf.
3. 2012 Third Grade Follow Up to the Head Start Impact Study:
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/resource/third-grade-follow-up-to-the-head-start-impact-study-final-report-executive>.
4. Brookings: The long-term impact of the Head Start program:
<https://www.brookings.edu/research/the-long-term-impact-of-the-head-start-program/>.