



CENTRAL COUNCIL  
*Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*  
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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 19-12

Title: Recognition of Washington State House of Representatives Member Debra Lekanoff

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 31,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, Debra Lekanoff, an enrolled tribal citizen, elected in 2018 to the Washington State House of Representatives from the 40<sup>th</sup> District, is the first Tlingit woman to hold a seat in the Washington State House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Debra was Tlingit & Haida's Youth Representative in 1995, a position now known as "Emerging Leader"; and

WHEREAS, Debra has worked for twenty-one years as a government servant to citizens, served as Director of Governmental Affairs for the Swinomish Tribe for sixteen years and as Chair of Yak-tat Kwaan Inc. for six years; and

WHEREAS, Debra has been appointed Vice Chair of the Environmental and Energy Committee and to the Agriculture & Natural Resources and Capital Budget committees; and

WHEREAS, Debra is Tlingit, Raven moiety, from the Kwaashí Kwaan clan and Owl house in Yakutat;

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 congratulates Debra Lekanoff on her election, recognizes her accomplishments and honors her service; gunalchéesh ho ho.

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**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe