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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 19-14

Title: Request the State of Alaska to Maintain Funding for the Marine Highway

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, tribal citizens in southeast Alaska depend on the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) for basic needs including medical care, food commodities, education activities, commerce, tourism, cultural & social activities, transporting of deceased and special events throughout the communities in southeast; and

WHEREAS, the executive summary from the 2016 McDowell study of the AMHS states that the system serves 33 Alaskan Communities but only five of those communities are connected to Alaska's road system, this highlights the importance of the transportation link that the AMHS provides for residences; and

WHEREAS, the McDowell study additionally states that due to reductions to the AMHS there has been impacts including loss of income to fishermen, increased cost of living for coastal communities, decline in quality of health due to limited access, fewer/shorter cultural events, reduced school-related travel, and various other losses of services; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp Convention convened in Ketchikan in 2018 adopted resolution 18-02 "Recommend increased Alaska Marine Highway system service to Sitka" acknowledging the impacts of the AMHS in its services for Sitka and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the FY20 Governor's Amended budget funds \$44,339,700 for the AMHS, at large reduction in a budget that was \$239,969,200 in the FY19 Authorized; and

WHEREAS, the AMHS is not scheduling sailings past October 1st of 2019 due to proposed cuts in the FY20 Governor's Amended budget;

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 petitions the Governor & Legislature of the State of Alaska to maintain funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System in FY20 at a minimum of the FY19 levels and continue reliable service for the 33 communities it serves.

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