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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 19-15

Title: Protect Tribal Services and Villages from Disproportionate State of Alaska Budget Cuts

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, Governor of Alaska proposed a FY 2020 budget that even the Anchorage Daily News, characterized as putting “a disproportionate burden on some of the state’s most vulnerable residents — rural Alaskans — and that’s not right”, in a Sunday editorial titled: Governor’s budget tax cuts deeper in rural Alaska; and

WHEREAS, in addition to cut to Medicaid and Education Programs that will impact the most vulnerable, the Governor’s budget proposed:

- \$300 million cut from K-12 education;
- \$3 million cut from the Village Public Safety Officer program;
- Ending a hold harmless provision that allows 36,000 rural residents to get food stamps even if getting a Permanent Fund dividend would disqualify them;
- Ending the Alaska Marine Highway system that allows rural people to travel;
- Ending the fish tax revenue sharing program for small fishing villages;
- Ending the Power Cost Equalization fund that helped villages reduce the high costs of heating oil and electrical power, without which , the cost of power could jump more than 100%; and

WHEREAS, among the proposed cuts are matching funds that bring valuable resources to tribes to assist their citizens; and

WHEREAS, tribes and tribal programs should not be disproportionately impacted;

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 Southeast Alaska tribes and Alaska Native institutions stand together to advocate to the State Legislature for a fair budget that does not disproportionately impact tribal services and villages.

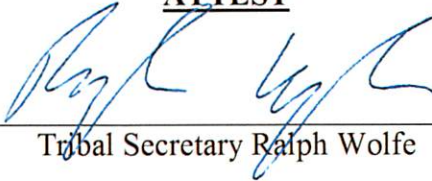
ADOPTED this 11th day of April 2019, by the Eighty-Fourth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe