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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 19-16

Title: Support for the Statewide VPSO Program

By: Anchorage Delegate Tasha Hotch

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, tribes partner with the State of Alaska to provide Village Public Safety Officers (VPSO), in rural Alaskan communities around the state; and

WHEREAS, the VPSO program is often the only means of providing rural Alaskan communities with needed public safety services at the local level, and is necessary to reduce the loss of life due to fires, drownings, lost persons, and the lack of immediate emergency medical assistance in rural communities; and

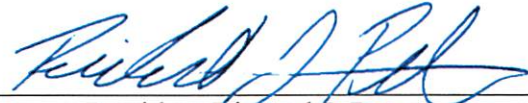
WHEREAS, the VPSO program was designed to train and employ individuals residing in the village as first responders to public safety emergencies such as search and rescue, fire protection, emergency medical assistance, crime prevention and basic law enforcement; and the presence of these officers has had a significant impact on improving the quality of life in the participating villages; and as a result, the VPSOs are generally the first to respond to many calls for help from the community members, hence their motto – ‘First Responders-Last Frontier’; and

WHEREAS, the state, tribes and communities benefit from our governments working together to provide services to our citizens and our communities; and all people in the state of Alaska are entitled to live in communities with an adequately funded public safety program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fourth Tribal Assembly of the 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 the Legislature of the State of Alaska collaborate with Tlingit & Haida to restore funding for the VPSO program at fiscal year 2018 levels in order to preserve and protect public safety in our rural Alaskan communities.

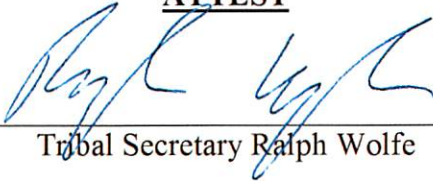
ADOPTED this 11th day of April 2019, by the Eighty-Fourth Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe