



CENTRAL COUNCIL  
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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA  
Eighty-Seventh Annual Tribal Assembly  
April 20-22, 2022  
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 22-07

Title: Cultural Attire for Graduation

By: Anchorage Tlingit & Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 34,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida has many students who are graduating from high school and college, and they are bringing pride to our community through their educational accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, some school districts do not permit students to wear cultural attire when they graduate, and this prohibition hinders the opportunity for us to highlight our students and their connection to our values by wearing their culture; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida has the ability to support this effort in a statewide setting, as whether cultural attire may be worn during graduation is currently determined by individual school principals; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida could further support this effort by highlighting artists that are willing to make cultural attire for graduations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Seventh Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 20-22, 2022, will work with the Association of Alaska School Boards to ensure that every Alaska Native student has the option to wear cultural attire upon completion of their educational program at their ceremonial event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida will share resources regarding artists who have volunteered to do commission work for students seeking graduation attire on appropriate Tribal platforms.

ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, by the Eighty-Seventh Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

**CERTIFY**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata