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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Eighty-Fifth Annual Tribal Assembly
October 1, 2020
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 20-17

Title: Opposition to the Closure of Seattle National Archives and Records Administration Facility

By: Seattle 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 32,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) records of many landmark decisions affecting Tlingit & Haida and other tribes, and many of those decisions are housed in the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Alaskan records that were housed in Anchorage, Alaska until 2014 were moved to NARA Seattle, Washington facility when the decision was made to close the Anchorage facility; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2020, NARA announced its decision to close and sell the Seattle, Washington facility and to move the documents to Riverside, California and Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the decision by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to close and sell was made without engaging tribal, state, and local officials; and

WHEREAS, OMB failed to heed bipartisan congressional requests to engage with these stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the decision to move these materials from the Northwest region shows an absolute disregard for their importance and significance to the 272 federally recognized tribes located in Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Idaho;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened on October 1, 2020, hereby join with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe and other tribes to voice its condemnation of the proposed closure and sale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida shall notify its congressional delegation of our opposition to the closure and sale of the National Archives and Records Administration Seattle facility;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida shall further notify the National Archives and Records Administration and Office of Management and Budget of its opposition to the closure and sale.

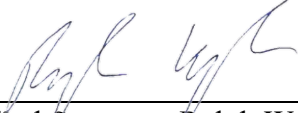
ADOPTED this 1st day of October 2020, by the Eighty-Fifth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe