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Executive Council of the Central Council  
TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC 22-05

Title: Authorization to Apply for Administration for Native Americans Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance-Esther Martinez Immersion Funding

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 33,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, under Article X of the Tlingit & Haida Constitution, the Executive Council is the governing body of Tlingit & Haida when the Tribal Assembly is not in session; and

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WHEREAS, the indigenous languages of our people carry thousands of years of history, knowledge, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, learning our indigenous languages connects us to our heritage and is an expression of sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, the Tlingit language is endangered and it is crucial that our children have the resources and opportunity to learn Tlingit in order to preserve the language, pass on the knowledge it carries, and to connect them more deeply with their heritage; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida's Language Immersion Nest Haa Yoo X'atangi Kúdi has been providing Tlingit language immersion to children aged 3-5 since 2018 and seeks to expand its one-year curriculum into a two-year rotating curriculum and to increase language instructor proficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Administration for Native Americans has announced FY 2022 funding for the Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance-Esther Martinez Immersion program to provide financial assistance to community-driven projects designed to preserve Native American languages through Native American language nests and Native American language survival schools; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$1,500,000 in funds from the Administration for Native Americans for a 5-year project to further develop the curriculum at Haa Yoo X'atangi Kúdi and expand the language proficiency of instructors, and such funding includes the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate;

WHEREAS, if awarded, the grant would require a match of 20% per year, which could be up to \$75,000 annually, and which Tlingit & Haida would fulfill with a combination of cash and in-kind contributions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby authorizes the Tlingit & Haida President, or designee, to submit, negotiate, execute, and administer any and all documents, including any subsequent amendments, that are required by the Administration for Native Americans for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance-Esther Martinez Immersion project.

ADOPTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 0 absences.

**CERTIFY**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe