

CENTRAL COUNCIL Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

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

Resolution EC 22-17

Title: Authorization to Apply for U.S. Department of Agriculture Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program Grant

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, 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, promoting and advancing food security remains a priority and is critical to the health for our tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida's food security mission is to develop and supervise traditional food security initiatives through collaboration between Tribal programs and with externals partners; and

WHEREAS, in pursuit of food security, Tlingit & Haida strives to reconnect and strengthen our deep and spiritual bond to the land by normalizing hunting, fishing and gathering of our traditional foods and making them available to all tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service has announced its Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program, which is designed to help tribal governments support local food producers; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$400,000 in funds from the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service for a two-year project, and such funding includes the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate; and

WHEREAS, if received, this funding will be instrumental in building Tlingit & Haida's food security program;

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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 U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program.

ADOPTED this 18th day of April 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

President Richard J. Peterson

<u>ATTEST</u>

Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe