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

Resolution EC 22-58

Title: Authorization to Apply for a Bureau of Indian Affairs National Tribal Broadband 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, ensuring that Tlingit & Haida tribal citizens have access to high-quality modern infrastructure, including broadband infrastructure, is critical to promoting the economic sovereignty and success of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida is currently pursuing a large-scale broadband infrastructure improvement project to improve broadband access in Southeast Alaska communities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs has announced the availability of up to 27 awards of up to \$175,000 each under the National Tribal Broadband Grant opportunity; and

WHEREAS, these funds could be used to draft a feasibility study for the "deployment or expansion of high-speed internet (broadband) transmitted, variously through DSL, cable modem, fiber, wireless, satellite and BPL"; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$175,000 in funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and such funding does not include the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate, thus creating a shortfall up to \$47,600;

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 United States Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed broadband feasibility project.

ADOPTED this 13th day of October 2022, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 1 absence.

CERTIFY

<u>ATTEST</u>

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata

President Richard J. Peter