

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 23-01

Title: Authorization to Apply for a Federal Communications Commission Affordability Connectivity Program Outreach Grant

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 35,000 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 Federal Communications Commission has announced funding for up to 400 awards between \$50,000 and \$1 million each to promote the Affordability Connectivity Program (ACP), a federal benefit program that helps ensure that qualifying low-income households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more; and

WHEREAS, these grant funds could be used to "increase awareness of and participation in the ACP among those households most in need of affordable connectivity" and connect our tribal citizens with financial support to access broadband services in their homes; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$1 million in funds from the Federal Communications Commission, and such funding includes the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate

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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 Federal Communications Commission for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed outreach project.

ADOPTED this 9th day of January 2023, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention and 0 absences.

CERTIFY

President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata