



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 23-05

Title: Authorization for the Acquisition of Real Property on Willoughby Avenue

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, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19, also referred to as the coronavirus, as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a proclamation declaring a national emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, in EC Res. 20-12 Declaration of a State of Emergency Related to COVID-19 Pandemic, Tlingit & Haida declared a State of Emergency for and on behalf of the Tribe and its communities, related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic continues as of the date of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, in March 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law, which provided federal fiscal recovery aid for governmental responses to impacts of the pandemic and established the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund is for use on any governmental purpose, including investment in activities undertaken by tribal enterprises, investments in infrastructure, and to restore and bolster governmental capacity; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida has consistently taken action to protect employees, clients and communities from the spread of COVID-19, and has thoughtfully, and in reliance in the scientific data, reintegrated the in-person conduct of tribal governmental business, such as inviting clients back into Tribal offices and facilitating delegate travel to Juneau for governmental purposes and in accordance with provisions in the Tlingit & Haida Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida has determined the safest and most effective way to ensure protection of employees, clients and communities is to administer and manage facilities in which essential governmental services are provided; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida operates tribal enterprises which were heavily impacted by the pandemic when business activities ceased; and those tribal enterprises are dedicated to creating tribal businesses to support financial and cultural values of the tribe, as well as establish economic diversity and provide employment and training opportunities to tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to purchase real property on Willoughby Avenue, which property includes the Driftwood Hotel, a facility located near the Tribe's primary government building, despite highly limited properties available for lease or sale in downtown Juneau; and

WHEREAS, the Driftwood Hotel has historically employed up to 25 individuals during the summer season, and which employment would allow opportunities for workforce development; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of the Driftwood Hotel will also provide a facility to house tribal delegates traveling to Juneau to conduct Tribal business, as well as other Tribal partners so that essential tribal governmental business can be safely; and

WHEREAS, acquisition would also provide an opportunity to house, under temporary assistance programs, eligible clients;

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 for purchase and the proposed acquisition of the Driftwood Hotel.

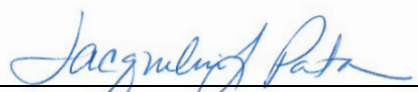
ADOPTED this 20th day of January 2023, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 1 absence.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata