



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 23-52

Title: Authorization to Apply for Private Funding from the Wilburforce Foundation

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, Tlingit & Haida is in the early stages of developing the Seacoast Indigenous Guardians Network (SIGN), which seeks to support and catalyze our traditional knowledge by enriching inter-Tribal and First Nation collaborations; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of our traditional lands and waters is crucial to maintaining our way of life and is an expression of our sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, the shared Taku (T'aaku), Stikine (Shtax'héen), Unuk (Joonáx), Aalseix' (Alek), and Jilkaat (Chilkat) Rivers are of tremendous and unique cultural, ecological, subsistence, economic, and recreational value as Indigenous people from several Nations have stewarded the Alaska-Canada transboundary region since time immemorial and this region is now home to nearly 80,000 people in dozens of communities; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida is committed to building capacity to manage our traditional lands and waters, including through our ongoing transboundary water quality monitoring project, which establishes critical baseline data that will allow us to ensure our communities remain protected from upstream developments and to advocate for maintaining the cleanliness of our water and the productivity of our salmon streams; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$150,000 in funds from the Wilburforce Foundation for a 2-year project, and such funding includes the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate;

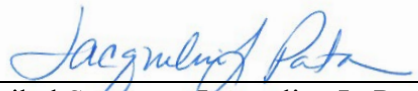
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby authorizes the Tlingit & Haida President, or designee, to submit, negotiate, execute, and administer any and all documents including any subsequent amendments, that are required by the Wilburforce Foundation for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for proposed Indigenous-led conservation projects.

ADOPTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 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**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata