

## 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 23-57

Title: Authorization to Apply for U.S. Department of Education, Native American Teacher Retention Initiative

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, culturally appropriate and culturally responsive teaching has been linked with improved outcomes for Native American students; and

WHEREAS, research suggests that the quality of a student's teacher matters more than any other school-related factor (Rand, 2023) and that teachers play an important role in educating students about Native American knowledge, culture, and language; and

WHEREAS, this funding would be used to provide a teacher retention-initiative to help address the shortage of Native American educators and expand their impact on Native American students' education; and

WHEREAS, this funding would be used to grow our own educators and teacher aides in our Early Education and Career and Technical Education programs; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$500,000 in funds from the U.S. Department of Education for a five year project, 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 U.S. Department of Education for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed initiative.

ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 2 absences.

**CERTIFY** 

President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST** 

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata