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

Resolution EC 23-64

Title: Request that the University of Alaska Social Work Programs Include Indian Child Welfare Courses Taught by Tribal Experts

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Assembly is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) is “...to protect the best interest of Indian Children and to promote the stability and security of Indian tribes and families by the establishment of minimum Federal standards for the removal of Indian children and placement of such children in homes which will reflect the unique values of Indian culture...” (25 U.S. C. 1902); and

WHEREAS, ICWA provides guidance to States regarding the handling of child abuse and neglect and adoption cases involving Native children and sets minimum standards for the handling of these cases; and

WHEREAS, those seeking to enter the field of social work and social work practitioners must have an understanding and basic knowledge of ICWA; and

WHEREAS, Tribal experts are best positioned to educate social work students and practitioners about ICWA, its importance and the requirement to adhere to its standards;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby requests the University of Alaska to develop, support, adopt, and implement courses on the Indian Child Welfare Act; and

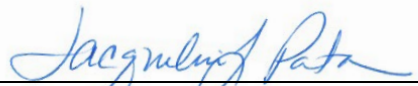
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida requests the University ensure such sources are taught by Tribal experts.

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**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata