

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 23-73

Title: Authorization for Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority to Apply for Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Electrification Program

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 36,000 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 Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) is the Tribally Designated Housing Entity for Tlingit & Haida and is a Community Based Development Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, has released a funding opportunity, Tribal Electrification Program (TEP), in their efforts to advance the Presidential Executive Order 14008, Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad; and

WHEREAS, this initiative provides benefits to disadvantaged communities including federally recognized tribes, regardless of whether they have land or not; and

WHEREAS, 75% of existing homes in Southeast Alaska are heated with oil and the rising costs of oil has made homes unaffordable especially to our low-income disadvantaged citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is extremely concerned about our natural environment and our carbon footprint and has taken action to declare a climate emergency and state a commitment to climate mobilization, see Tribal Assembly Res. 20-25 Declaration of a Climate Emergency and Commitment to Climate Mobilization; and

WHEREAS, TEP would benefit our communities by providing more affordable and cleaner energy; and

WHEREAS, THRHA has led the industry in our tribal communities in the retrofitting of electrical upgrades, including heat pumps, Electrical Vehicle chargers, and innovations with solar power;

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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 Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority the sole authority to apply for the 2023 Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Electrification Program for the early planning, implementation of plans and actions for household electrification; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida does not intend to apply on their own behalf for the 2023 Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Electrification Program.

ADOPTED this 15th day of September 2023, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention and 1 absence.

CERTIFY

President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata