



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 25-23

Title: Establishment of a Traditional Trades Program

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 38,000 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 recognizes the historical significance of weaving, basketmaking, traditional formline, skin sewing, harvesting, and other traditional trades of our ancestors; and

WHEREAS, these traditional trades have been passed down through generations, shaping our cultural identity and providing essential skills for survival; and

WHEREAS, these trades are deeply intertwined with our way of life and cultural beliefs, connecting us to the land, water, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the practice of these traditional trades strengthens our sense of community and fosters intergenerational knowledge sharing; and

WHEREAS, the revitalization of these trades promotes economic self-sufficiency and cultural sustainability; and

WHEREAS, our indigenous proprietary authority over these trades also fosters the indigenous economy in Alaska, which economy is being monetized and profited from both within our indigenous communities and without; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida is committed to supporting the development of trades people and promoting their work in local and global markets; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida recognizes the need to document and preserve these traditional skills for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida acknowledges the importance of incorporating traditional knowledge into modern education systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indians Tribe of Alaska recognizes carving, basket weaving, formline, skin sewing, harvesting, and other traditional skills and knowledge as traditional trades; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Tlingit & Haida hereby establishes a traditional trades program, with the necessary support, including funding, resources, and technical assistance, to ensure the success of a traditional trades program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Tlingit & Haida will work to promote and celebrate traditional trades through cultural events, educational programs, and other initiatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Tlingit & Haida will collaborate with local, regional, and national organizations to advance the preservation and promotion of traditional trades; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Tlingit & Haida will support the development of apprenticeships and mentorship programs to train the next generation of trades people in traditional trades; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, Tlingit & Haida will advocate for policies that protect and promote the rights of Indigenous peoples to practice traditional trades.

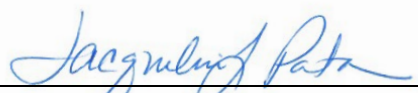
ADOPTED this 21st day of February 2025, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 0 absences.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata