



CENTRAL COUNCIL  
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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA  
Eighty-Seventh Annual Tribal Assembly  
April 20-22, 2022  
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 22-04

Title: Increasing Access for Jury Service

By: Anchorage Delegate Tasha Hotch

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 34,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska can summons you to serve jury duty if you are at least 18 years of age, an Alaskan resident for at least one year, a United States citizen, are of sound mind, possess normal abilities to reason, and are able to read or speak the English language; and

WHEREAS, an employer may not fire you, demote you or otherwise penalize you for jury service; and

WHEREAS, there is a system in place to document your jury service to share with your employer and minimum compensation of \$25 per day of service, beginning on the second day, and such compensation does not meet the threshold of minimum wage;

WHEREAS, an employer is not required to compensate an employee for lost wages due to jury service and a recent study has shown that more than 60% of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck; and

WHEREAS, lost income can be a hardship that impairs someone's ability to participate on a jury, that may prevent a person from receiving a "jury of their peers"; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Seventh Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened April 20-22, 2022, hereby supports increasing juror compensation to be in line with minimum wage requirements in the state of Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida will include this request for increased funding to the Alaska Legislature as one of the Tribe's priorities to support better access to fair trials.

ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, by the Eighty-Seventh Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

**CERTIFY**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata