

CENTRAL COUNCIL Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA Eighty-Ninth Annual Tribal Assembly April 17-19, 2024 Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 24-05

Title: Expansion of Tribal Foster Care Licensing

By: Anchorage Tlingit & Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 37,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 04, CCTHITA Child and Family Sec. 04.01.005, Tlingit & Haida shall have jurisdiction over any proceedings affecting family or child welfare; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida has a Foster Care Licensing program designed to recruit Alaska Native and American Indians to become foster parents, and families can choose to be licensed through the state of Alaska, Tlingit & Haida or both; and

WHEREAS, over the last two years there have been focused efforts to expand Tlingit & Haida family services, including the expansion of offices and staff in more communities to support the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA); and

WHEREAS, with this expansion Tlingit & Haida is more equipped to expand the ability to tribally certify foster homes outside of the defined service area; and

WHEREAS, Tribal families would benefit from an expansion of tribally certified foster homes in the communities where Tlingit & Haida has staff; and

WHEREAS, any community that has Tlingit & Haida Child Welfare Caseworkers should also have the ability to license tribal foster homes and exercise that ability through active recruitment;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Ninth Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened April 17-19, 2024, hereby supports the expansion of tribal foster home licensing by the Tribe.

ADOPTED this 19th day of April, 2024, by the Eighty-Ninth Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY

President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata