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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 24-10

Title: Support Non-Discrimination in Student Sports

By: Delegate Tasha Hotch

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, we support our elementary, junior high, and secondary students and their right not to be singled out based on Title IX, the prohibition of discrimination that includes discrimination based on gender identity as well as sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, there is also the right to privacy clause of the Alaska Constitution; and

WHEREAS, there is currently proposed legislation in the Alaska State Legislature that would amend Alaska Statute 14.18.150 for any student who participates in an athletic team or sport designated female, women, or girls must be female, based on the participant's biological sex (as either female or male), as designated at the participant's birth; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed legislation the biological sex listed on a participant's birth certificate may be relied on to establish the participant's biological sex designated at the participant's birth if the sex designated on the birth certificate was designated at or near the time of the participant's birth; and

WHEREAS, the bill's sponsor statement suggests that continuing to let transgender girls participate in female sports will end all of the progress that women have made for equality; and

WHEREAS, studies show that there are great health outcomes from participating in sports, including relationship building, and a support system that students need for success; and

WHEREAS, the Human Rights Watch reported there is data that suggests that because of rejection and discrimination in education and employment, many transgender people have limited employment options and work; and

WHEREAS, Legal Services in the Division of Legal and Research Services wrote a memo dated March 14, 2024 subject: Constitutional and legal concerns, that states it is highly likely that the bill if enacted will raise legal challenge under the privacy clause of the Alaska Constitution; and

WHEREAS, our way of life and traditional values of holding each other up, and reinforcing that we should be strong and have courage requires that we stand with our students that are the targets of this discriminatory legislation;

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 requests that the Tribe provide testimony in opposition to amendments to Alaska Statute 14.18.150 that would result in discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation.

ADOPTED this 17th 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