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Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Seventy-Ninth Annual Tribal Assembly
April 9-12, 2014
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA/ 14-32

Title: Support of the Landless Southeast Alaska Native Communities to Form ANCSA
Corporations

By: Seattle Tlingit and Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 29,000 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, Central Council exercises its power to address land and resource allocation issues and uses in the Tongass National Forest; and

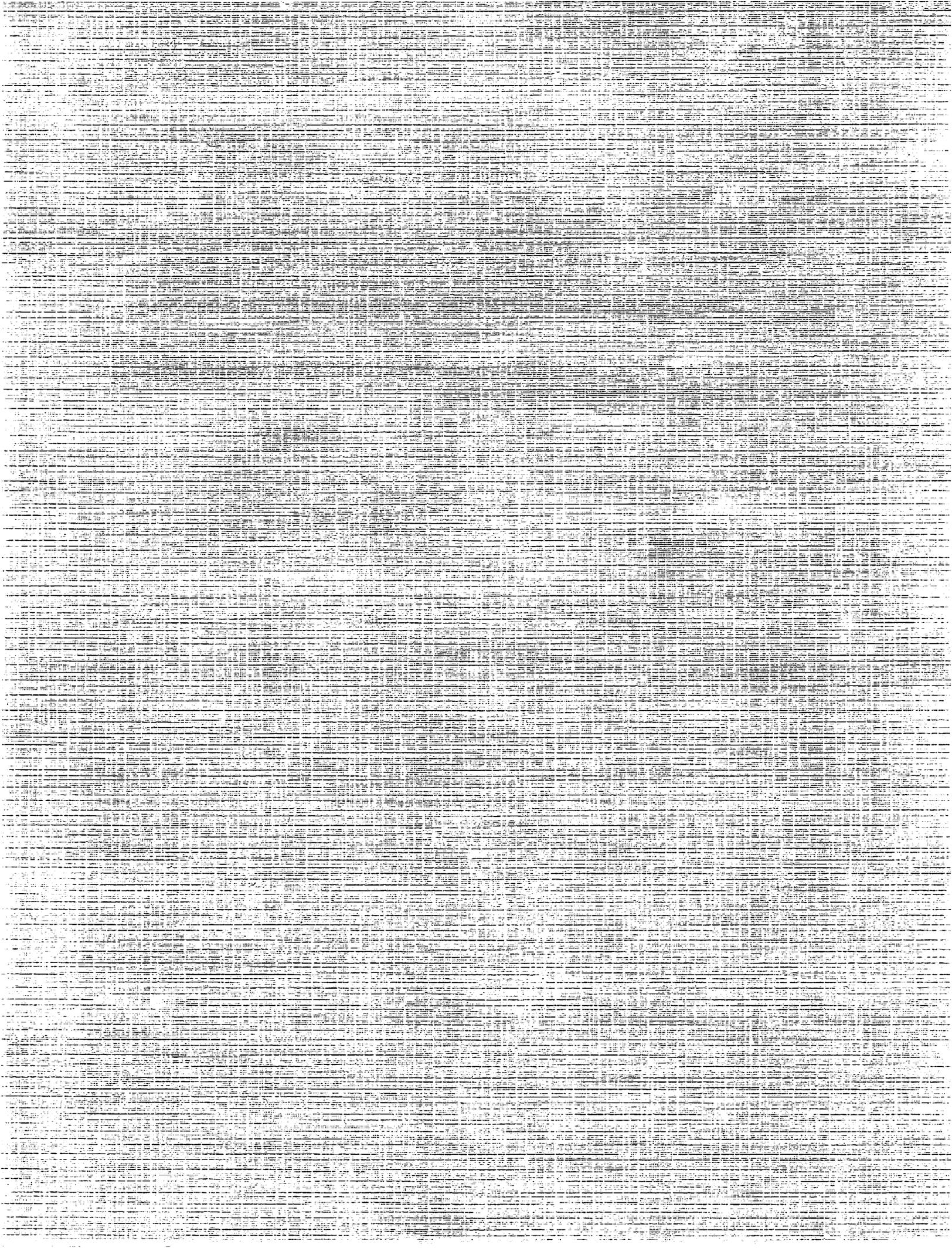
WHEREAS, in 1971, the United States Congress enacted the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) to recognize and settle the aboriginal claims of Alaska Natives to their traditional homelands by authorizing the establishment of Alaska Native Corporations to receive and manage lands and funds awarded in settlement of the claims of Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, ANCSA was passed to provide for a fair and just settlement of all claims by Natives and Native groups of Alaska and was to be accomplished rapidly, with certainty, in conformity with the real economic and social needs of Natives; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native communities of Ketchikan, Petersburg, Wrangell, Haines and Tenakee (known as "Landless" communities of Southeast Alaska) were not listed as communities eligible to form Native village or urban corporations under ANCSA, despite the fact that these communities comprised greater than 20% of the shareholders of Sealaska; and

WHEREAS, the reason for this exclusion is not explained in the statutory or report language of ANCSA, and an appeal of this exclusion was not authorized in ANCSA; and

WHEREAS, a Congressional report commissioned in 1993 to examine the reasons why the five communities were denied ANCSA eligibility indicates that the communities do not differ significantly from the Southeast Alaska communities that were allowed ANCSA eligibility; and



WHEREAS, these five Landless communities have sought full eligibility for ANCSA benefits for four decades.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seventy-Ninth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 9-12, 2014, hereby agrees that the Landless communities should be eligible to form Alaska Native corporations and to receive land selection rights and compensation under ANCSA.

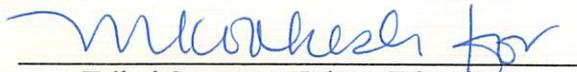
ADOPTED this 12th day of April 2014, by the Seventy-Ninth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw