CENTRAL COUNCIL
Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Eightieth Annual Tribal Assembly
April 15-17, 2015
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA/ 15-07

Title: Indigenous Peoples' Day

By: Ketchikan 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 nearly 30,000 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, Central Council recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as Alaska has occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the story of Alaska's Indigenous peoples since time immemorial provides an authentic historical narrative that honors, respects, and celebrates the culture, language, and traditions of our Indigenous ancestors; and

WHEREAS, the lands later known as Alaska were considered by countless Indigenous people as home for many generations before the arrival of Christopher Columbus in 1492; and

WHEREAS, Central Council has the responsibility to oppose the systematic racism toward Indigenous people in Alaska which perpetuates high rates of poverty. When communities are confronted with extreme poverty and income inequality, they are further challenged by disproportionate health, education, and social crises.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eightieth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 15-17, 2015, strongly supports that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity to celebrate the tribal cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Central Council strongly encourages the State of Alaska's public schools include teaching of indigenous people's history; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Central Council encourages businesses, organizations and public institutions to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Central Council fully commits to continue its efforts to promote the well-being and growth of Alaska Natives and Indigenous community; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby declare the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the State of Alaska.

ADOPTED this 16th day of April 2015, by the Eightieth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY

President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST

for: Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw