



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/ 15-19

Title: Support of the Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Seeking Legislation to Allow Them to Form Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) Corporations and Receive ANCSA Benefits

By: Seattle Tlingit and Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, 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 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 Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee and Wrangell (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 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 Eightieth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 15-17, 2015, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015, by the Eightieth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

**CERTIFY**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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for: Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw