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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

Eightieth Annual Tribal Assembly

April 15-17, 2015

Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA/ 15-24

Title: Passage of Statute 08: Establishment of Tribal Schools and Acceptance of Haa Yoo
X'atángi Kúdi_Charter School Bylaws

By: Judiciary Committee

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, the health of our languages and the health of our children are permanently and undeniably tied to one another; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 100 known speakers of Tlingit remaining in the world; and

WHEREAS, there have been no known birth speakers of Tlingit or Haida created in the last fifty years; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no public space where the Tlingit or Haida language is the primary language of that space; and

WHEREAS, the American school system has failed our people and our children since bringing us into it, resulting in cultural assimilation, emotional damage, shame, and widespread language loss; and

WHEREAS, public education systems in Alaska echo that failure with Alaska Native graduation rates around 50% and curriculum that does not offer equity in terms of content and culturally safe atmospheres; and

WHEREAS, language immersion schools in Hawai'i, New Zealand, Mohawk Country, and Ojibwe Country have reported graduation rates as high as 100%, college placement as high as 100%, and have achieved some of the highest test scores in standardized testing in English while their children achieve total fluency in their indigenous language; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Eightieth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 15-17, 2015, hereby adopts Statute 08: Establishment of Tribal Schools, which grants

Central Council authority to create Tlingit Language Immersion Schools and Haida Language Immersion Schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eightieth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation hereby approves the passage of the Haa Yoo X'atáangi Kúdi Charter School Bylaws, the first of the Tribal Schools that plans to begin operations in the fall of 2016.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Eightieth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation hereby directs the Central Council President and Chief Operating Officer to locate funding to hire a Tribal Schools Principal and to develop a Tlingit language immersion daycare and preschool as part of the Tribal Schools program.

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