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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Eighty-First Annual Tribal Assembly
April 20-22, 2016
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA/ 16-10

Title: Support Alaska State Legislature Resolution to Address State-Wide Issue of
Adverse Childhood Experiences

By: Juneau 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 30,000 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, more than two-thirds of adults surveyed in the Alaska state report experiencing six (6) adverse childhood experiences (ACE) at a rate higher than other states that have conducted surveys; and

WHEREAS, adverse childhood experiences are traumatic experiences occurring during childhood that may have a profound effect on a child's developing brain and body and may result in poor health during the person's adulthood, including physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Native people have documented adverse childhood experiences combined with historical trauma brought on by forced cultural changes and loss of language that should be acknowledged; however, it is recognized the Alaska ACE problem affects everyone, not just Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature has introduced a Resolution urging Governor Bill Walker to join with the Alaska State Legislature to respond to the public and behavioral health epidemic of adverse childhood experiences by establishing a statewide policy and providing programs to address this epidemic.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-First Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 20-22, 2016, supports House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, a Resolution to respond to establish a statewide policy and provide programs to address the behavioral health epidemic caused by adverse childhood experiences and urges prompt passage by the State Legislature.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of April 2016, by the Eighty-First Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe