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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/ 16-11

Title: Establishment of Angoon Fire Fighting Crew

By: Angoon 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, Angoon, occupied by indigenous natives, is the only village located on Admiralty Island National Monument; and

WHEREAS, any and all projects proposed on the island is immediately faced with organized opposition from environmental groups from within Alaska and the lower 48; and

WHEREAS, quite a few of our people may have had Unemployment Benefits at one time but have long since expired so they are no longer tracked by State Department of Labor; and

WHEREAS, while there are small seasonal Forest Service funded projects such as trail clearing and fish monitoring, however, these are not employment opportunities for our adult men many of whom have children and households to provide for; and

WHEREAS, Angoon has had, in the past, a local Fire Fighting crew that traveled outside of Angoon and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, with global warming occurring, there are increased chances of massive forest fires and infestation of destructive pests. Without a trained local firefighting crew available, this puts an untold number of acres of monument trees at risk; most especially given our increased mild winter months.

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, hereby supports Angoon's request for the creation of a local Fire Fighting Crew, which can be employed year round with thinning of dead trees and seeding during the off-season.

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