



CENTRAL COUNCIL  
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Executive Council of the Central Council  
TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC/ 14-49

Title: Nomination of Richard J. Peterson to the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development's 40 Under 40

WHEREAS, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is a federally recognized tribe of more than 29,000 tribal citizens worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development every year recognizes 40 emerging American Indians from across Indian Country who have demonstrated leadership, initiative, and dedication and made significant contributions in business and/or in their community; and

WHEREAS, Richard J. Peterson, *Ch'a Yaa Éesh*, was born on June 9, 1976, raised in Kasaan, Alaska, and is Tlingit (Eagle/Wolf) and Haida; and

WHEREAS, Richard was elected as President of the Central Council in April 2014 and is the youngest elected President in the Tribe's history; and

WHEREAS, Richard serves as the Chair of the Tribe's business enterprise, Tlingit Haida Tribal Business Corporation (THTBC); and

WHEREAS, Richard has served as a Central Council Delegate for fourteen years and Executive Council Vice President for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Richard also served as the youngest elected Mayor in Kasaan from 1996-2014; and

WHEREAS, Richard is a founding member of the Prince of Wales Tribal Enterprise Consortium, LLC (POWTEC), one of the first tribal owned Native 8(a) corporations in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Richard served as president of POWTEC from 2001-2014 and Chief Executive Officer of POWTEC Solutions from 2008-2014; and

WHEREAS, during Richard’s tenure, POWTEC’s revenue increased by over \$2 million and nearly doubled the employee population; and

WHEREAS, Richard also served as President of the Organized Village of Kasaan (OVK), a federally recognized tribe, from 1997-2014; and

WHEREAS, through program and economic development, Richard increased OVK’s annual budget from \$13,000 to over \$4,000,000 and employee population increased from two part-time employees to twenty nine full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, Richard is recognized as a person of principal, vision, passion, honor and integrity with tremendous leadership capacity; and

WHEREAS, Richard is recognized by many tribes, state, and federal agencies for his ability to develop and/or strengthen relationships through collaborative and proactive communications and networking; and

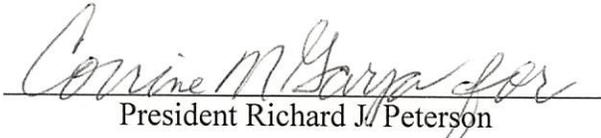
WHEREAS, Richard has received numerous awards and certificates of appreciation for his exemplary service and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Richard continues to work towards building meaningful relationships and promoting tribal economic development.

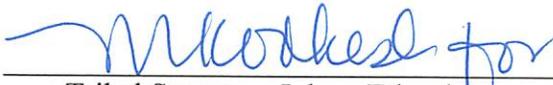
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council hereby nominates Richard J. Peterson to the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development’s 40 Under 40 Award.

ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 0 absences.

**CERTIFY**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw