



CENTRAL COUNCIL
Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
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Executive Council of the Central Council
TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC/ 15-07

Title: Authorization to Apply for Native American Language Preservation Grant

WHEREAS, Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is a federally recognized tribe of more than 30,000 tribal citizens worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Central Council's Mission is "Preserving our sovereignty, enhancing our economic and cultural resources, and promoting self-sufficiency and self-governance for our citizens through collaboration, service and advocacy"; and

WHEREAS, Central Council's Tribal Values are: Discipline and Obedience to the Traditions of our Ancestors; Respect for Self, Elders and Others; Respect for Nature and Property; Patience, Pride in Family, Clan and Tradition is found in Love, Loyalty and Generosity; Be Strong in Mind, Body and Spirit; Humor; Hold Each Other Up; Listen Well and with Respect; Speak with Care, We are Stewards of the Air, Land and Sea; Reverence for Our Creator; Live in Peace and Harmony; Be Strong and Have Courage; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 150 speakers of Tlingit, 25 speakers of Haida and 90 Tsimshian speakers worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Central Council through Tribal Assembly resolution 14-15 "Formation of a Central Council Language Department"; and

WHEREAS, the Central Council Language Department will work toward reversing language shift and create opportunity to revitalize our Tlingit and Haida ancestral languages to maintain our Tribal sovereignty, cultural resources and traditional values; and

WHEREAS, Central Council's Business and Economic Development Department (BEDD) wishes to apply for the Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance Grant Program through Administration for Native Americans (ANA) grant funding for the Language Department by supporting Indigenous learning opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance Grant program is to support indigenous communities in their efforts to save, document, and enliven their languages, cultures, and knowledge systems; and

WHEREAS, the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) supports language revitalization and continuation are two of the first steps taken in preserving and strengthening a community's culture; and

WHEREAS, the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) believes use of Native language builds identity and encourages communities to move toward social unity and self-sufficiency; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council hereby authorizes the Central Council President or the Chief Operating Officer to submit, negotiate, execute, and administer any and all documents and contracts that are required from Recovering Voices for granting funds to the Central Council for the proposed support of Indigenous language learning, and managing funds on behalf of this entity, including any subsequent amendments to the said agreement.

ADOPTED this 20thth day of February 2015, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 1 absence(s).

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw