



CENTRAL COUNCIL
Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
9097 Glacier Highway
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Executive Council of the Central Council
TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC/ 15-14

Title: Supporting Medicaid Expansion in Alaska

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, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) provides states with additional funding to expand their Medicaid program to cover adults under the age of 65 and children under the age of 18 who live slightly above the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has chosen not to participate in Medicaid expansion; however, Governor Walker has proposed expansion along with significant reform; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's Medicaid program is unsustainable as currently designed and needs reform in order to best serve the health of Medicaid beneficiaries, operate more efficiently for providers, and improve value; and

WHEREAS, nearly 42,000 Alaskans, including more than 5,000 in the Southeast, would be eligible for health coverage under Medicaid expansion in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that Medicaid expansion improves health outcomes by reducing the number of uninsured Alaskans by half, improving preventative and primary care access, and providing substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling; and

WHEREAS, studies have also shown that there are significant economic benefits associated with Medicaid expansion, which will bring more than \$1 billion in new federal revenue to our state, 4,000 new jobs, \$1.2 billion more in wages and salaries paid to Alaskans, and \$2.49 billion in increased economic activity over the first five years; and

WHEREAS, Other benefits of Medicaid Expansion include bringing Alaska tax dollars back to Alaska and potentially stabilizing rising insurance premiums and medical prices by reducing uncompensated care that health providers currently provide to Alaskans with no insurance coverage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Executive Council supports Medicaid expansion for Alaska.

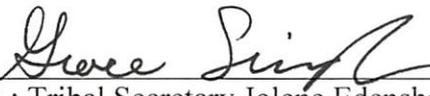
ADOPTED this 20th day of March 2015, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 1 absence(s).

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



for: Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw