



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/ 15-24

Title: Authorization to Participate in the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Violence Against Indian Women (VAIW) National Baseline Study

WHEREAS, Central Council of 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 is a federally recognized sovereign tribal government with an Executive Council empowered to initiate, carry out, support and oversee research for the benefit of the Tlingit and Haida citizens; and

WHEREAS, Central Council desires to increase its understanding of effective system response to address domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence for American Indian and Alaska Native women throughout the U.S. Central Council understands that the National Baseline Study (NBS) is aimed at estimating an accurate national rate of violence against Indian women (VAIW). Prevalence data will not be available for individual Tribes; rather data obtained from the NBS will be used collectively to estimate a national rate.

WHEREAS, Central Council understands that NIJ is mandated to conduct the study as stipulated in Title IX, Section 904(a) of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005), Pub. Law No. 109-162 (codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg-10 note), as amended by Section 907 of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, Pub. Law No. 113-4. Further, Central Council understands the need for culturally respectful research to address violence against Indian women and supports NIJ's efforts, working through its contracted researchers to implement the VAIW NBS.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Central Council proclaims its support and authorization of the USDOJ, VAIW NBS to occur in Southeast Alaska and further allows the contracted NIJ researchers access to the Tribal data needed to conduct the study within Central council.

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLOVED, Central Council authorizes and assigns the Office of the President to jointly assist the NIJ contracted researchers to obtain the relevant Tribal data, identify interview sites, assist with respondent participation, provide support services to respondents, and other onsite research activities.

ADOPTED this 18th day of May 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