



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE
CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC 26-82

Title: Authorization to Request Conversion of Early Head Start to Head Start Slots

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 38,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tlingit & Haida Constitution, the Executive Council is the governing body of Tlingit & Haida when the Tribal Assembly is not in session; and

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WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida has over 40 years of experience administering the Head Start program, providing children and families with quality comprehensive early childhood services that promote school readiness; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida is currently funded to serve 182 preschool-age children in its Head Start program and 16 infants and toddlers in its Early Head Start program; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to request that the Office of Head Start to convert eight Early Head Start slots serving infants and toddlers to eight traditional Head Start slots serving preschool-age children; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida also intends to request that the Office of Head Start maintain the Tribe's current funding level once the conversion is complete; and

WHEREAS, the conversion of these slots into Head Start will allow for the program to maintain full enrollment where it is needed; and

WHEREAS, without this conversion there will likely be a waitlist for preschool-age children ages three and four to enter the Head Start program, and vacancy in the Early Head Start program for infants and toddlers ages 0 to two; and



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby authorizes the Tlingit & Haida President, or designee, to submit, negotiate, execute, and administer any and all documents, including any subsequent amendments, that are required by the Office of Head Start for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed project; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, if approved by the Office of Head Start and under acceptable terms, Tlingit & Haida will implement the change to accommodate all students.

ADOPTED this 29th day of June 2026, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 2 absences.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata