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Executive Council of the Central Council
TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC 21-67

Title: Authorization to Apply for Spirit of Youth, Youth Advocacy Grant

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 32,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, under Article X of 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, Indigenous youth experience above average rates of depression and suicide and improving the mental health of Tribal youth is critical to promoting the health and safety of our tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, teaching Tribal youth mental health coping techniques and advocacy skills to change the environmental factors impacting their mental health, and providing them with a forum to connect about mental health will help improve their mental health; and

WHEREAS, the non-profit organization Spirit of Youth has announced a 5-month grant program awarding \$17,000 to fund a youth-led program to support the mental health of Anchorage youth, and this will be accomplished by: increasing advocacy skills, providing forums to discuss mental health and environmental factors impacting youth in Anchorage, and/or exploring factors that impact youth mental health; and

WHEREAS, such funding would enable Tlingit & Haida to launch a 5-month program from January to May, 2022, to convene a group of ten Indigenous youth leaders in Anchorage aged 12-24, train the group in mental health coping and advocacy skills, facilitate group meetings to discuss mental health in the context of Indigenous youth in Anchorage, and to support the youth group in planning and leading a half-day summit on this topic for Indigenous youth; and

WHEREAS, this program is in line with Tlingit & Haida's commitment to support Tribal youth; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for \$17,000 in funding for a Spirit of Youth, Youth Advocacy Grant, and such funding will include Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate;

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 Spirit of Youth for Youth Advocacy Grant Program funding; and

ADOPTED this 8th day of December 2021, 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



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe