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

Resolution EC 22-56

Title: Endorsing Lisa Murkowski as Candidate for the Office of United States Senate

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 34,000 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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Assembly is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lisa Murkowski has a proven record of effectiveness, working across party lines, collaborating to find common ground and common-sense solutions that prioritize Alaska, always; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Effective Lawmaking, Senator Murkowski is the #1 most effective Republican senator on Native American and energy issues; and

WHEREAS, as vice chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, a senior member and former chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, Senator Murkowski has leveraged her seniority to champion policies that support economic growth, protect families, and keep communities safe; and

WHEREAS, Senator Murkowski authored an extension for tribes and Alaska Native Corporations to spend Coronavirus Relief Fund resources from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act; and

WHEREAS, Senator Murkowski authored and negotiated the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which will infuse Alaska with billions of dollars to build and upgrade bridges, roads, the marine highway system, broadband, and water and sewer systems—without worsening inflation; and

WHEREAS, Senator Murkowski authored and negotiated the bipartisan Energy Act of 2020, which updated the nation’s energy policies for the first time in 13 years. It spurs innovation across technologies critical to energy and national security, protects the environment, reduces greenhouse emissions, provides for energy storage, advanced nuclear, carbon capture, utilization and storage, carbon removal, renewable energy, critical minerals and materials, grid modernization, and more; and

WHEREAS, Senator Murkowski was the driving force ensuring that Alaska Native Vietnam War-era veterans receive the land allotments they deserve; and

WHEREAS, Senator Murkowski ushered the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act into law, which reauthorization boosts efforts to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault, support survivors and hold perpetrators accountable, and VAWA also includes the Alaska Tribal Public Safety Empowerment Pilot program, which recognizes Alaska tribes, with the support of the federal government, can be effective partners with the State to address Alaska’s rural public safety crisis; and

WHEREAS, Senator Murkowski has worked to address the longstanding crisis of missing, murdered, and trafficked Indigenous people through the passage of Savanna’s Act and Not Invisible Act. All three bills were signed into law and will increase the tools available to tribes and will address intergovernmental coordination.

WHEREAS, Senator Murkowski is co-leading legislation to establish a formal truth and healing commission to further investigate, document and address impacts of Indian boarding schools.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby expresses its appreciation to Senator Lisa Murkowski for her decision to run in the 2022 general election for the United States Senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida hereby endorses Lisa Murkowski as a candidate for the office of the United States Senate.

ADOPTED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2022, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 4 yeas, 1 nay, 0 abstentions and 1 absence.

**CERTIFY**

  
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 President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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 Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata