



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

Resolution EC 23-04

Title: Affirmation of the Existence and Operational Mission of the Public Safety Division

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 35,000 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, Tlingit & Haida has a Public Safety Division which has been charged with providing public safety services including but not limited to law enforcement, fire prevention and protection, emergency medical, search and rescue, emergency management, and opioid safety, as well as occupational health, and safety; and

WHEREAS, the affirmation of the Public Safety Division serves as a demonstration of the Tribe's sovereignty and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, the affirmation of the Public Safety Division also opens up recognition and resources available to other Public Safety Divisions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby affirms the existence of the Public Safety Division, to operate under the control and direction of the President, or designee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Public Safety Division will concurrently carry the title of Tribal Police Chief and Tribal Fire Chief and will report to a Chief Officer of Tlingit & Haida, which Chief Officer will concurrently serve as Tribal Public Safety Commissioner and which Commissioner shall also operate under the control and direction of the President of Tlingit & Haida; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that only the President, or the Tribal Public Safety Commissioner at the President's designation, may deputize and commission Tribal Police Officers, Tribal Public Safety Officers, Tribal Court Service Officers, and Special Officers, to wear the badge of the Tribal Public Safety Division with the responsibilities and duties associated therein.

ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 1 absence.

**CERTIFY**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata