



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

Resolution EC 26-34

Title: Support for the Ketchikan Indian Community Healing Center at Salmon Falls

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 serves tribal citizens across Southeast Alaska, including the recognized community of Ketchikan; and;

WHEREAS, substance abuse, addiction, and the growing fentanyl crisis continue to have devastating impacts on families and communities in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Tlingit & Haida Tribal Assembly adopted Resolution TA 24-12, Prioritization of the Fentanyl Crisis, which declared addressing the fentanyl and drug crisis to be one of the Tribe's highest priorities and called for coordinated action to expand treatment capacity and address gaps in services; and

WHEREAS, access to residential treatment services within Southeast Alaska remains limited, often requiring individuals to leave their home communities and support systems to seek care, creating additional barriers to healing and long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Indian Community (KIC) has demonstrated leadership in proposing the development of the Healing Center at Salmon Falls, envisioned as a tribally-led residential treatment facility designed to provide culturally grounded and community-based healing services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Healing Center has the potential to strengthen the continuum of behavioral health care across Southeast Alaska and provide an important regional resource for individuals and families seeking recovery and healing; and



WHEREAS, Ketchikan serves as a primary transportation hub and point of entry into Southeast Alaska, where drugs entering from the Lower 48 are often first dispersed before spreading to other communities in the region, making expanded treatment and recovery services in Ketchikan critically important to addressing the crisis; and

WHEREAS, tribal governments across the region recognize the urgent need for expanded treatment infrastructure and support KIC's efforts to develop healing-centered solutions grounded in culture, community, and self-determination;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska affirms its support for the Ketchikan Indian Community's proposed Healing Center at Salmon Falls as an important regional investment in healing, recovery, and community wellness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida supports the local land use and zoning actions necessary to allow the development and operation of the Healing Center at Salmon Falls; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Executive Council recognizes the Healing Center as a meaningful step toward addressing the addiction crisis impacting Southeast Alaska and toward strengthening the health and safety of our communities.

ADOPTED this 26th day of March 2026, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & 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 Jacqueline L. Pata