

CENTRAL COUNCIL Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

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

Resolution EC 24-48

Title: Designation for Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority for Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 37,000 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, Tlingit & Haida is the governing body for its tribal citizens across Southeast Alaska and beyond, in accordance with its Constitution and has the authority to establish relationships and enter into agreements for the benefit and well-being of Tlingit & Haida and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida's primary government offices are located in the community of Juneau, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) is the Tribally Designated Housing Entity for Tlingit & Haida and is a Community Based Development Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released funding opportunities through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program (CPRG); and

WHEREAS, these CPRG initiatives provide benefits to tribal communities to support clean energy solutions and lower costs of energy; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) submitted a Tribal Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) covering Southeast Alaska communities; and

WHEREAS, THRHA will implement energy measures included in the ANTHC PCAP; and

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WHEREAS, 75% of existing homes in Southeast Alaska are heated with oil and the rising costs of oil has made homes unaffordable especially to our low-income disadvantaged citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida's traditional territory includes the Tongass National Forest, and the Tribe is extremely concerned about our natural environment and our carbon footprint, the Tribal Electrification Program and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program would benefit our communities providing affordable cleaner technology; and

WHEREAS, THRHA has led the industry in our tribal communities in the retrofitting of electrical upgrades, including heat pumps, EV chargers, weatherization and innovations with solar;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby authorizes Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority to apply for the Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Act Program and implement the energy efficiency measures for these programs on behalf of the Tribe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida does not intend to apply on their own behalf for the energy efficiency measures listed in the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Priority Climate Action Plan of the Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Act Program grant.

ADOPTED this 1st day of May 2024, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstentions and 0 absences.

CERTIFY

President Richard J. Peterson

<u>ATTEST</u>

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata