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

Resolution EC 25-160

Title: Supporting Nomination of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska's 1st Vice President Jacqueline *Kus.een* Pata for President of the National Congress of American Indians

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, 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, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is the oldest and largest representative organization of American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Nations, serving as a unified national voice in advancing tribal sovereignty, defending treaty and inherent rights, and shaping federal policy impacting Tribal Nations across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the President of NCAI plays a critical leadership role in guiding national advocacy, strengthening intergovernmental relationships, and ensuring that the diverse political, legal, and cultural landscapes of all Tribal Nations are represented at the highest levels of national policy and decision-making; and

WHEREAS, 1st Vice President Jacqueline *Kus.een* Pata has demonstrated decades of exceptional leadership and service to Native peoples, including service as the Executive Director of NCAI for 18 years, President & CEO of Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority, Deputy Assistant Secretary for U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development's Office of Native Programs, and in numerous national, regional, and community leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, Jacqueline Pata's experience and long-standing commitment to tribal sovereignty, tribal governance, and intertribal unity make her uniquely qualified to serve as President of NCAI; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby strongly supports and endorses the nomination of 1st Vice President Jacqueline *Kus.een* Pata for President of the National Congress of American Indians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Executive Council are authorized to communicate this endorsement to NCAI member tribes and other appropriate entities.

ADOPTED this 18th day of November 2025, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 2 absences.

CERTIFY

President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata