

## 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 25-

Title: Authorization to Join the Alaska Native Tribal Education Consortium

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Assembly is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Council is empowered to negotiate with federal, state, and local governments on behalf of Tlingit & Haida, as well as to advise and consult with the representatives of state and federal agencies on issues that may affect Tlingit & Haida, including education and related matters; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida and other federally recognized Alaska Native tribal governments have advocated for policy change at the state and federal levels, and promote support for culturally grounded and community-driven education systems across Alaska that focus on improving and supporting student, family, and community outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida and other federally recognized Alaska Native tribal governments desire to create and participate in a collaborative alliance of Alaska Native Tribes, tribal education departments, and tribally empowered organizations to strengthen tribal sovereignty in education; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Alaska Native Tribal Education Consortium (ANTEC) is to uphold and advance tribal sovereignty in education by empowering tribes to collaborate, coordinate, and advocate on matters affecting the success of Alaska Native students, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida has reviewed and considered the constitution and bylaws establishing ANTEC, which creates an intertribal consortium of Alaska Native tribes to carry out governmental purposes; and

WHEREAS, ANTEC is a tribally sanctioned organization whose role is to enhance, not replace, the sovereign voice and authority of each member tribe;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby adopts the constitution and bylaws to establish the Alaska Native Tribal Education Consortium and elects to participate as a member of the consortium; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Tlingit & Haida authorizes the Alaska Native Tribal Education Consortium to serve as an arm of the Tribe, with the powers and immunities that Tlingit & Haida possesses as a federally recognized tribal government, for the purpose of carrying out the governmental functions specified in the Alaska Native Tribal Education Consortium constitution and bylaws, including but not limited to: (a) amplifying tribal voices in state, federal, and intertribal education policy discussions, (b) advocating for direct access to education funding and data, (c) coordinating regional and statewide advocacy to improve outcomes for Alaska Native students, (d) supporting engagement of Alaska's tribes and tribally empowered organizations in education systems change, (e) promoting collaboration and shared learning across tribal education entities, (f) advancing the continuity of Indigenous languages, cultures, and worldviews in education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, participation in the Alaska Native Tribal Education Consortium's policy recommendation process is entirely voluntary and does not preclude individual tribes from engaging independently with state or federal agencies or applying for funding opportunities directly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as a member of the Alaska Native Tribal Education Consortium, Tlingit & Haida hereby appoints the following to the Alaska Native Tribal Education Consortium, with both individuals serving in those positions until replaced by Executive Council or until they resign, provided that Executive Council may revoke or modify these appointments at any time;

Voting Representative: Richard J. Peterson Alternate representative: Mischa Jackson;

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, this resolution shall remain in effect until affirmatively withdrawn by Tlingit & Haida or until the Alaska Native Tribal Education Consortium ceases to exist, whichever occurs first.

ADOPTED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025, 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

<u>ATTEST</u>

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata