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

Resolution EC 25-57

Title: Respectful Request for Support of a New Wrangell Cooperative Association Community Hall

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, Wrangell, Alaska is a town in Alaska and is part of the Southeast region where Community Halls are located, such as the Alaska Native Brotherhood/Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANB/ANS) Community Halls; and

WHEREAS, these Community Halls are historic community gathering places that have been important for cultural events, basketball tournaments, holiday events and other community gatherings and have been the cornerstone of our Native communities; and

WHEREAS, Wrangell has not had a Community Hall since 1973, when a fire destroyed Wrangell's 40 year old ANB Hall on February 15, 1973; and

WHEREAS, a new Community Hall, to be owned by Wrangell Cooperative Association (WCA), a federally recognized tribe with up to 800 tribal citizens, would be used for a cultural center to display Wrangell's repatriated artifacts and at.oow, for tribal meetings, for cultural classes and events/gatherings, and for second floor apartments; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2025, the Borough Assembly of the City & Borough of Wrangell, approved the request from WCA to purchase a portion of borough-owned property described as Lot C of the Healthcare Subdivision, Plat 2010-4, Parcel No. 02-035-310 (Wood Street), adjacent to WCA Lot A-1A and Lot A; and

WHEREAS, the new Community Hall would be located on the purchased property and would include 10,000 square feet on the first floor, and 10,000 square feet on the second floor, with a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby supports the funding for the construction of a Wrangell Cooperative Association Community Hall in Wrangell, Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Community Hall will be used for holding repatriated artifacts and at.oow, tribal meetings, cultural classes, events/gatherings, and second floor apartments to help the housing economy in the community; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida respectfully requests support for a Community Hall in Wrangell, to be owned by Wrangell Cooperative Association.

ADOPTED this 16th day of May 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. Peter

ATTEST

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata

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