

## 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 25-60

Title: Calling for the Release of Data and Congressional Hearings Regarding Service Member Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native People

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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Assembly is not in session; and

WHEREAS, news reports have revealed a pattern of abuse and trafficking linked to military installations, including the 2023 sex trafficking of a 14-year-old Native girl in military barracks at Camp Pendleton; and

WHEREAS, Operation Keiki Shield in Hawaii found that 38% of those arrested for soliciting sex from a thirteen-year-old online were active-duty military personnel, as reported in the Missing and Murdered Native Hawaiian Women and Girls Task Force Report; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO) publishes an Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military; and

WHEREAS, the annual SAPRO report includes data on perpetrators and victims but does not offer race and ethnicity data on civilian victims reporting sexual assault to the military; and

WHEREAS, the annual SAPRO report does not include data on domestic violence, human trafficking, and missing and murdered Indigenous people; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive data on active-duty military service members is critical to understanding the scope of the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous people;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby calls on Congress to hold a hearing with the U.S. Department of Defense and require the Department to present the most current data on the victimization of American Indian and Alaska Native active-duty military personnel and report the data on active-duty military personnel who are perpetrators of this violence against Indigenous people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Tlingit & Haida calls on Congress to require the U.S. Department of Defense to publish a comprehensive report on the impact of active-duty military on sexual violence, domestic violence, human trafficking, and missing and murdered Indigenous people; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tlingit & Haida President shall send letters to the Alaska, Washington and California delegations in Washington, D.C. in support of a congressional hearing with the U.S. Department of Defense called as a witness and in support of the provision of a comprehensive report.

ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> 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. Peterson

<u>ATTEST</u>

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata