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

Resolution EC 25-62

Title: Support for the Native Village of Eklutna in Exercising Indian Gaming

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 Eklutna Native Village, also known as the Native Village of Eklutna (NVE), government office was organized in 1961 by the traditional people of Eklutna Village to be recognized for protecting land rights; and

WHEREAS, NVE received approval from the regulating body the National Indian Gaming Commission and opened the Chin'an Gaming Hall in January 2025; and

WHEREAS, the continued development of the Chin'an Gaming Hall is anticipated to create approximately 400 jobs and \$67 million in economic activity; and

WHEREAS, NVE has been the traditional caretaker of the land where the Chin'an Gaming Hall has been developed for generations and will continue to be for generations to come;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby supports the Native Village of Eklutna in exercising their economic sovereignty with the ongoing development of the Chin'an Gaming Hall.

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

ATTEST

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata