

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 25-66

Title: Support Mental Health Pilot Program

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, we know that Alaska Native children have higher rates of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) that increase the likelihood of this group struggling with their coping skills and mental health; and

WHEREAS, there is proposed federal legislation S. 906, A Bill to Require the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services to Carry Out a Pilot Program to Support Evidence-based Mental Health Peer Support Activities for Students; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate our federal government exploring new ways to provide mental health support for students;

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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 supports legislation, including successor bills, that supports evidence-based mental health peer support activities for students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that letters of support for such legislation will be sent to the Alaska, Washington and California delegations in Washington D.C.; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that letters of support will be sent to the committee chairs that will be reviewing such legislation.

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. Peterson

ATTEST

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata