



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 25-69

Title: Support for the Alaska Native Cancer Fund of the American Cancer Society

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, cancer is a disease that affects Alaska Natives at disparately higher rates than other populations, for example 1.5x higher rates of lung cancer, 2.5x higher rates for colorectal cancer, and 4x higher rates for stomach cancer than White populations, according to the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, cancer is devastating our families, heavily impacting our communities, and lessens our abilities to maintain the health and wellness that our Alaska Native cultures and lifeways promote; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society's Alaska Board is pursuing a campaign to establish an Alaska Native Cancer Fund to increase the support for Alaska Native focused cancer studies, leading to further opportunity for Alaska Natives to detect cancer early and receive lifesaving interventions if diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Cancer Fund will research and seek answers as to why Alaska Native people are disproportionately affected by cancer, and drive more positive cancer outcomes for Alaska Native people; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida, the largest tribe in the state, makes a statement of support for the efforts to create and maintain an Alaska Native Cancer Fund; and

WHEREAS, no financial request is made at this time, the Alaska Native Cancer Fund will follow the policies and processes in place at the Tlingit & Haida for any future requests for contributions to and/or in support of the Fund; and

WHEREAS, together we can change the course of cancer for generations of Alaska Native people;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby shows their recognition and support of the Alaska Native Cancer Fund.

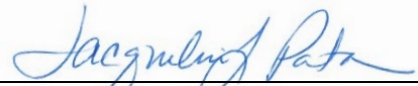
ADOPTED this 16th day of May 2025, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 0 absences.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata