



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

Resolution EC 25-77

Title: Evaluation of Burial Assistance Amounts

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 burial assistance program is administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA); and

WHEREAS, self-governance tribes administer the burial assistance program on behalf of the BIA through self-governance compacts, pursuant to standards set by the BIA; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 the BIA increased burial assistance to \$3,500, an increase from \$1,000; and

WHEREAS, burial costs have continued to increase; and

WHEREAS, there are not enough jobs that provide a living wage, adequate to accommodate unplanned financial expenses like burials; and

WHEREAS, the expenses associated with burials can put families in financial crisis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby requests the President determine whether the increase in the amount available under the burial assistance program is sufficient; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President shall report back to the 91st Tribal Assembly on this resolution.

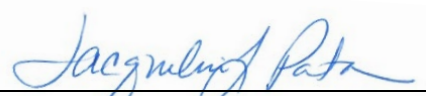
ADOPTED this 16th day of May 2025, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 0 absences.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata