

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 25-87

Title: Limited Waiver Sovereign Immunity to Enter into a Grant Agreement to Receive State of Alaska Native Family Assistance Program Funds

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, Tlingit & Haida provides essential services to address the needs of its citizens in need of financial assistance and related supports; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida, a state and federally recognized tribe, wishes to receive grant funds under the State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services program for Native Family Assistance Program in the State Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska requires under 7 AAC 78.030 (e), a resolution approved by Tlingit & Haida that waives the Tribe's sovereign immunity from suit with respect to claims by the state arising out of the activities related to the grant; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$2,583,021 in funds from the State of Alaska Native Family Assistance Program for a one year project, and such funding includes the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate; and

WHEREAS, these funds are intended to supplement and bolster federal Tribal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds to assist families to become self-sufficient;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in the event that a Native Family Assistance Grant is awarded in State Fiscal Year 2025, Tlingit & Haida hereby waives its sovereign immunity and consents to suit in Alaska State Courts or in a state administrative agency proceeding for any cause of action (including any allowable interest, costs and attorneys fees) or claim filed by the state arising out of or related to the grant, to enforcement of any court or agency order entered in such action or agency proceeding and to levy and execution of any judgment entered in any such lawsuit or agency proceeding against all property and funds of the Tribe, however held and wherever located; and suits relating to this agreement shall be governed by Alaska law, and allowed solely in Alaska State courts or Alaska State administrative proceedings unless otherwise required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby authorizes the Tlingit & Haida President, or designee, to submit, negotiate, execute, and administer any and all documents, including any subsequent amendments, that are required by State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services, Native Family Assistance Program for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida.

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

<u>ATTEST</u>

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata