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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Eighty-Eighth Annual Tribal Assembly
April 19-21, 2023
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 23-10

Title: Development of A Tribal Science Technology Engineering Arts Math (STEAM) Program

By: Seattle Tlingit & Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 35,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2016 Education Commission students from Native American, Black, and Latino communities, from lower income backgrounds and rural areas disproportionately struggle with lack of access to computer science instruction and resources; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2012 National Action Council on Minorities in Engineering, Inc., American Indian & Alaska Native (AI/AN) Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) students make up 0.3% in the U.S. engineering workforce, AI/AN women in the U.S. engineering make up 0.07 % of the workforce, and 300 Bachelor of Science, 75 Master of Science, 10 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees were awarded to AI/AN students between 2001-2013; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2019 Postsecondary National Policy Institute, 23% of first-time, full-time AI/AN students attending four-year institutions beginning in 2008 graduated within four years, compared to nearly 44% for white students; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Education in 2013, although AI/AN peoples make up 1.2% of the total population, AI/AN students are not prevalent in the engineering industry, representing only 0.4% of all engineering bachelor's degree recipients, 0.3% of the engineering workforce, and 0.1% of all engineering faculty;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Eighth Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened April 19-21, 2023, hereby supports the creation of a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) online program for all Tlingit & Haida communities in all parts of the United States and Canada to help increase Native representation in the STEAM professional fields.

ADOPTED this 19th day of April, 2023, by the Eighty-Eighth Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata