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Eighty-Eighth Annual Tribal Assembly
April 19-21, 2023
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 23-20

Title: Improving Data on American Indian and Alaska Native Populations Through Tribal Consultations

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, federal data systems often underreport, misclassify, and misinterpret data on American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations; and

WHEREAS, the lack of quality data collected and reported on AI/ANs contributes to the lack of federal funding received by tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations; and

WHEREAS, improved data practices, policies and procedures within the federal government can improve data on AI/AN populations; and

WHEREAS, modernizing public health data infrastructure is needed to improve the use of data, analytics, and data sharing with tribes and Tribal Epidemiology Centers; and

WHEREAS, tribal nations uphold the right to Indigenous data sovereignty, whereby they have the right to govern the collection, ownership, and application of their own data, including data on their tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 13175: Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments requires agencies to uphold Tribal consultation policies to rightfully include tribal governments in the formulation of federal policies; and

WHEREAS, Tribal consultations support information exchange, respectful dialogue, mutual understanding, and informed decision-making that is essential for respectful and productive relationships with tribes; and

WHEREAS, the lack of Tribal consultations has resulted in national programs like Healthy Native Babies Project being temporarily discontinued and funding meant for Tribal Epidemiology Centers being diverted to non-Indigenous institutions; and

WHEREAS, Tribal consultations must be held when federal agencies create or change policies, including data collection, within public health systems that impact AI/AN populations; and

WHEREAS, Tribal consultations must be held when federal agencies are determining whether tribal affiliation and AI/AN population data should be collected and reported; and

WHEREAS, Tribal consultations must be held when determining which data shall be shared with tribes and Tribal Epidemiology Centers; and

WHEREAS, improving data collection and reporting on AI/AN populations can support the detection of existing and emerging health risks within AI/AN communities; and

WHEREAS, improved data collection, data sharing, and data modernization for AI/AN populations can better inform data-driven decision-making by policymakers, thereby increasing resources for AI/AN communities;

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 support Tribal consultations to improve data collection, data sharing, and data modernization to improve data available on AI/AN populations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tlingit & Haida President shall send letters in support of Tlingit & Haida consultations in support of Tribal recommendations regarding data collection, data sharing, and data modernization to the federal agencies, with a copy provided to the Alaska, Washington and California delegations in Washington, D.C.

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