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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 23-27

Title: Support for the Implementation of Law Enforcement Dogs for the Purpose of Intercepting
Opioids

By: Ketchikan 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, the drug use and overdose epidemic due to the rapid influx of opioid drugs coming to Alaska has had critical impacts to individuals, families, and entire communities for years; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida will do everything in its power to advocate for and protect its tribal citizens from this disease so that our communities can be as healthy as possible; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of illicit opioid drugs that come into our communities in southeast Alaska originate from the lower 48 states and are transported through commercial fishing vessels, public ferries, airlines, and the postal service, all of which, according to public records, have been used many times in recent years; and

WHEREAS, technology and information gathering has advanced over the years, including the use of law enforcement dogs to detect and intercept the transport of illicit opioid drugs in many places across the United States;

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 potential partnership between Tlingit & Haida and relevant law enforcement entities that use dogs to detect illicit opioid drugs at major entry points within our communities, which include but are not limited to airports, ferry terminals, barge terminals, and commercial fishing ports;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida supports policies and procedures that provide law enforcement will prioritize the prosecution of individuals and entities intending to distribute illicit opioid drugs.

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