CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Ninety-First Annual Tribal Assembly
September 23-25, 2026
Juneau, AK

Resolution TA 26-18

Title: Requesting an Expansion of the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium Infusion Center Program

By: Sitka Tlingit & Haida Community Council / Delegate Patricia Alexander

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

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WHEREAS, many Tribal citizens rely on infusion services to keep them alive and healthy; and

WHEREAS, we greatly value the lives of Tribal citizens in need of infusion services; and

WHEREAS, SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) has recently only been having one, one-hour public meeting in Sitka annually for people to bring forward vital information regarding needs and services feedback; and

WHEREAS, the public meetings do not provide enough time to adequately bring forward the many healthcare issues that need to be raised and discussed; and
WHEREAS, the Sitka Tlingit & Haida Community Council greatly appreciates the current infusion employees and the program in place but also believes that, due to the current limitations of the Infusion Program as it is being operated, the cost to have patients travel to Anchorage or South for necessary infusion services is cost prohibitive with SEARHC having to cover airfare, lodging, and food; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida has a representative on the SEARHC Board of Directors, currently Jackie Pata;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ninety-First Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened September 23-25, 2026, hereby respectfully requests SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) expand services, as the expansion will save lives and potentially costs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida requests that SEARHC make plans to strengthen the infusion center program by expanding the number of employees to meet the needs of Tribal citizens;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida encourages its representative on the SEARHC Board to bring this request forward at the next SEARHC Board meeting and meet with other communities to try to get their support for the necessary expansion and if necessary, attend any Tribal Health committee meetings to get all Tribes advocating for the infusion center program expansion.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of September 2026, by the Ninety-First Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

CERTIFY

President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata