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

Resolution TA 26-44

Title: Establishing an Opt-In Mail Ballot Option for Tribal Elections

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 38,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, meaningful participation in Tribal elections is fundamental to representative Tribal governance; and

WHEREAS, online voting provides convenient access for many Tribal citizens, but reliable internet services, suitable electronic devices, digital literacy, and access to mailed electronic voting credentials are not equally available to all Tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tribal citizens reside throughout Alaska and across the United States, including rural and geographically dispersed communities where internet connectivity and access to Tribal offices may be limited; and

WHEREAS, no otherwise eligible Tribal citizen should face an unreasonable barrier to voting solely because the primary election system relies upon electronic access;

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 directs that the Program Compliance Department research multiple other software, options and cost to provide an opt-in mail ballot option be established for eligible Tribal citizens who request to vote by mail;

ADOPTED this 25th 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 Michelle D. Martin