



**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CENTRAL COUNCIL
TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
And
THE STATE OF ALASKA**

WHEREAS the State of Alaska and the Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) share common interests in the betterment of Alaskans and tribal citizens of Central Council; and

WHEREAS, these common interests include, but are not limited to, economic development, education, energy, jobs, public safety, transportation, workforce training, and other areas; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska and Central Council have existing valuable relationships and shared responsibilities in areas involving foster care, adoptions, Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF), child support, and other social services; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska and Central Council stand to mutually benefit from increased communication and cooperation across the spectrum of their common interests and shared responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, there are opportunities to enhance and improve the relationships between the State of Alaska and Central Council for their mutual benefit; and

WHEREAS, a systematic review of issues and the programs offered by Central Council and the State of Alaska for opportunities to work together has never before been attempted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governor of the State of Alaska and the President of Central Council hereby take the following steps:

1. Personally pledge to start a new level of communication and cooperation that will share information and promote understanding of issues and opportunities, with an initial focus on education, public safety, workforce training, and jobs;
2. Agree to meet as necessary to review issues and find opportunities for joint cooperation and benefit;
3. Will appoint officials and representatives to serve as principal points of liaison for policy purposes on specific topics, the sharing of information, and identification of opportunities to work together;
4. Will appoint officials and representatives to form working groups designed to identify data and information the parties need to review significant issues and make informed decisions and solutions;
5. Will appoint officials and representatives who may negotiate and communicate jointly and, with the permission of the Governor of the State of Alaska and the President of Central Council, may enter into specific cooperative agreements which may be incorporated as appendices to this Memorandum of Agreement.

This Memorandum of Agreement shall be in effect for three years from the date of its execution unless terminated earlier by either party, and may be reviewed and amended by the mutual consent of both governments.

This Memorandum of Agreement does not create any right or cause of action enforceable by third parties. It is a definite expression and record of the purpose and intention of the Parties, to which each honorably pledge themselves.

Sean R. Parnell, Governor
State of Alaska

Richard J. Peterson, President
Central Council Tlingit and Haida
Indian Tribes of Alaska

Signed this 25th day of August, 2014

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