



Alaska Native Brotherhood
Camp #1

Alaska Native Sisterhood
Camp #4

Resolution # 40

Title: Tlingit Language and Culture in Public Education

WHEREAS, Tlingit Language is the mother tongue of the original inhabitants of Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS; There are less than 150 fluent Tlingit Speakers of the Tlingit Language; and

WHEREAS; The State of Alaska mandated Cultural Standards include many references to the value of understanding of another culture; and

WHEREAS; HB 216 Official Languages of the State, recognizes the importance of maintaining the indigenous languages of the State of Alaska, and

WHEREAS; Maintaining complete understanding of the Tlingit Culture lies within the language; and

WHEREAS; Several School Districts have a modest program on the culture of the Tlingit language, and

WHEREAS; It is critical that the Tlingit Language be taught to young people; and

WHEREAS; providing a loving, healthy and supportive environment for children to learn their heritage language as a natural part of growing up; and

WHEREAS; It is important to believe in our children's ability to learn the language and encourage and support them by providing family learning opportunities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IN RESOLVED THAT, The Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood at its regular meeting in Sitka, AK on September 5th, 2015 adopt this resolution and encourage, our legislatures, Governor, Commissioner of Education and Superintendents of Schools ^{to} include Tlingit language programs as core curriculum and given priority necessary to continue the language and culture of the Tlingit people of the land.

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