



**RESOLUTION 20-02-16-02
CITY OF THORNE BAY**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, SUPPORTING TLINGIT AND HAIDA CENTRAL COUNCIL'S ARMING OF THEIR VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the City Council is the governing body for the City of Thorne Bay; and

WHEREAS, Thorne Bay actively participates in the VPSO program through a Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Tlingit & Haida Central Council; and

WHEREAS, VPSO's serve as the first level public safety responder in the City and provides services appropriate to that role, including law enforcement, fire protection and prevention, water safety, search and rescue, community policing, public safety education, disaster coordination, and probation and parole monitoring, as directed by Tlingit & Haida; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska passed HB199 in 2014 that provided VPSO's had the option to bear arms; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida Central Council, after performing extensive background checks, employment vetting; provides extensive training for all VPSO candidates at the same level as a Trooper; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA; that Thorne Bay Supports Tlingit and Haida Central Council's arming of their Village Public Safety Officers

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Thorne Bay, Alaska this 16TH day of February 2021


Lucinda Edenfield, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teri Feibel, CMC