

Tribal President

Proclamation

Honoring

Delores Churchill (Ilskyalas)

Whereas, Delores (*Ilskyalas*) Churchill is Haida of the Eagle moiety and Beaver, Frog and Sculpin crests; and

Whereas, Delores was born in Massett, Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands) and comes from a long line of weavers on her mother Selina Peratrovich's side and was taught Tlingit, Nootka, Tsimshian and Haida basket weaving techniques; and

Whereas, Delores is a world renowned Haida master weaver of baskets, hats, robes and other regalia using such materials as spruce root, cedar bark, wool, natural dyes; and

Whereas, Delores has carried her mother's legacy as a teacher and has taught and demonstrated basket weaving in many Alaskan communities, nationally and in countries such as West Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Switzerland, Finland, Sweden and Norway; and

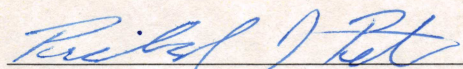
Whereas, Delores is one of the few remaining speakers of *Xaat Kil* and was appointed to the Governor's Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council; and

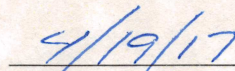
Whereas, Delores served as Tribal Hostess of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska's 74th Annual Tribal Assembly; and

Whereas, Delores is a living treasure and has been honored with many awards for her role as an artist and culture bearer including an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University of Alaska Southeast, Rasmuson Foundation Distinguished Artist Award, Governor's Award for the Arts, Alaska State Legislative Award, National Endowment for the Arts Creative Artist residency, Alaska State Council on the Arts travel grant and Sealaska Heritage Foundation study grant.

Now therefore, I, Richard J. Peterson, President of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, hereby proclaim April 19, 2017 as **Delores Churchill Day** for all Tlingit and Haida people and ask that all citizens of the Tribe join in the celebration of her many accomplishments on behalf of our people.

Signed:


Richard J. Peterson, President


Date

