## NISQUALLY TRIBAL COUNCIL Resolution No. 13 - 2020

## A RESOLUTION AMENDING GUIDANCE FOR FUNERALS AND SERVICES FOR THE NISQUALLY COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Nisqually Indian Tribe is the successor descendent entity of the Nisqually Nation signatory to the Treaty of Medicine Creek of 1854 (10 Stat. 1132), and unto this day has retained and maintained its Tribal identity, its governing body, and its

WHEREAS, the Nisqually Indian Tribe is a federally recognized American Indian Tribe organized under its governing Constitution and Bylaws approved by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior on September 9, 1946, pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. 476; AND

WHEREAS, the Nisqually General Council is the duly constituted governing body of the Nisqually tribe, and the Nisqually Tribal Council the duly elected representative body of the Nisqually General Council by the authority of the Tribe's Constitution and Bylaws, as

WHEREAS, due to the Covid-19 public health emergency, the Nisqually Indian Tribe has declared that a State of Emergency on the Nisqually Indian Reservation exists as of February 29, 2020, and executed a Stay at Home Order on March 25, 2020, and both Resolutions are effective through this date; and

WHEREAS, the Nisqually Tribe recognizes our community's need for guidance around funerals and services at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control has issued new guidance on the number of days required for safe quarantine;

NOW LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, the following amended guidelines regarding funerals shall replace previously approved funeral guidelines and shall be in place for as long as the Nisqually Stay at Home Order is in effect:

- Any person attending a funeral shall self- quarantine for the 10 days immediately ٠ following the funeral.
- Elders and those with underlying health conditions are advised not to attend ٠ funerals and services, for their own protection. If they do choose to attend, all attendees shall limit contact with Elders and provide ample social distancing
- Social distancing and measures to limit contact will be required at all funeral services, to protect attendees.
- A washing station with wipes and sanitizer shall be made available at all services.
- It is encouraged that attendees wear masks and avoid contact with others.
- A log will be kept of all attendees, to be used if any person attending the funeral tests positive for Covid-19 and others need to be contacted. The log may also be

used for any purposed deemed by the Public Health Officer to be necessary to protect public health. The attendance log shall be turned in to the Public Health Officer or designee promptly following the funeral.

## **CERTIFICATION**

We certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Nisqually Tribal Council held on  $\frac{12/3}{20}$ , 2020, that a quorum was present, and that the resolution was adopted by a vote of <u>6</u> FOR, O AGAINST, and O ABSTAINING.

## ATTEST

5-12. ULIC Ellery Kenneth Choke, Chairman

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Jackie Whittington, Secretary

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