



# Quinault Indian Nation

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## QUINAULT BUSINESS COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NO. 22-359-99

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### A RESOLUTION LIFTING THE CLOSURE OF NON-ESSENTIAL SERVICES WITHIN THE QUINAULT INDIAN RESERVATION

**WHEREAS**, the Quinault Business Committee is the recognized governing body of the Quinault Indian Nation under the authority of the Quinault Indian Nation's Constitution adopted by the Quinault General Council on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, the Quinault Indian Nation has inherent sovereign governmental powers to protect and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people of the Quinault Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, under Article I, Section 2 of the Quinault Constitution, the Business Committee is empowered to provide for the general safety and welfare of all persons acting by the right of membership in the Quinault Nation or acting or residing within the jurisdiction of the Quinault Nation ("Quinault Community"); and

**WHEREAS**, beginning in November 2019, the novel (new) coronavirus, known as SARS-CoV-2 ("COVID-19"), began to spread from China to other countries and has spread worldwide, including to the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President declared a National emergency due to the coronavirus, and Idaho, Oregon and Washington each declared states of emergency due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, pursuant to Resolution No. 20-55-98, the Quinault Business Committee declared a public emergency for COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, pursuant to Resolution No. 20-72-98, the Quinault Business Committee closed non-essential services within the Quinault community, designated a list of essential services that would remain open, directed the cancellation of all social gatherings, directed that all persons within the Quinault community shelter in place and stay home, and directed the practice of social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 8, 2020, pursuant to Resolution No. 20-121-98, the Quinault Business Committee clarified the closure of non-essential services and described consequences for violation of the closure; and

**WHEREAS**, after two years and with vaccines against COVID-19 widely available, the severity of the pandemic is lessening, resulting in a return to a more normal situation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Quinault Business Committee finds it is in the best interests of the Quinault Indian Nation to lift the closure of non-essential services that has been in place since March, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Quinault Business Committee lifts the closure of non-essential services as described in Resolution Nos. 20-72-98 and 20-121-98 and directs that travel onto and from the Quinault Reservation is open to all; provided, the Quinault Community and all visitors shall comply with QIN COVID-19 guidelines and protocols, including masking and social distancing, then in effect.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that access to all beaches on the Quinault Reservation remains closed to all non-members.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Committee will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and will either rescind or modify this resolution as needed.



Guy C. Capoeman, President  
Quinault Indian Nation

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CERTIFICATION

As Secretary of the Quinault Business Committee, I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly enacted by the Quinault Business Committee on March 14, 2022 by a vote of 9 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining.



Latosha Underwood, Secretary  
Quinault Business Committee