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FOR
RESOLUTION NO. 22-340-99

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QUINAULT BUSINESS COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NO. 22 - 340 - 99

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SURVEILLANCE AND MASS TESTING FOR COVID-19

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 22nd, 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, per Resolution # 20-55-98, as duly adopted by the Business Committee on March 13, 2020, the Nation declared a Public Health Emergency for the Quinault Reservation in response to the global outbreak of the Coronavirus epidemic ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the significant health risks, epidemiological risks of spread and containment, critical nature of the success of the medical response, and importance of social distancing strategies, the Business Committee closed all non-essential governmental operations, businesses, and services, announced the closures of various enterprises, including the Quinault Beach Resort and Casino and the Quinault Sweet Grass Hotel, issued a "stay at home" order, furloughed non-essential staff, and reduced the work week for essential staff; and

WHEREAS, in planning for reopening government and economic operations, the Business Committee recognized, and continues to recognize, the importance of testing and contact tracing to stop the spread of COVID-19 in addition to following the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control, which the Quinault Indian Nation has adopted; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution # 20-129-98, as duly adopted by the Business Committee on May 19, 2020, the Business Committee directed that all QIN government and QNEB employees be tested for COVID-19 before they were allowed to return to work, and later clarified that all new hires also be tested; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution # 21-182-99, as duly adopted by the Business Committee on September 24, 2021, the Business Committee directed that unvaccinated employees of the QIN government be tested on a weekly or bi-weekly basis as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution # 21-285-99, as duly adopted by the Business Committee on December 15, 2021, the Business Committee approved the QIN Employee COVID-19 Policy, which provides that all employees are required to participate in quarterly surveillance testing; and

WHEREAS, in January, 2022, the Nation temporarily suspended these requirements for surveillance and mass testing due to a shortage in testing supplies as a result of record high case volumes in Washington state and nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the COVID Response Team has been limiting testing to those who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to someone positive for COVID-19, which means approximately 100 individuals are being tested per week; and

WHEREAS, the COVID Response Team reports that it has in its inventory approximately 1700 tubes that will expire March 30, 2022, and approximately 2800 tubes that will expire June 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, instead of allowing the inventory to expire, the Incident Command Team recommends that the Business Committee rescind the suspension of surveillance testing and return to the previous practice of testing in all entities in order to keep everyone safe, as well as to prevent the wastage of the current inventory of testing supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Business Committee finds that it is in the best interests of the Quinault Indian Nation to rescind the temporary suspension of mass and surveillance testing and to reinstate the requirements outlined in Resolutions 21-182-99 and 21-285-99.

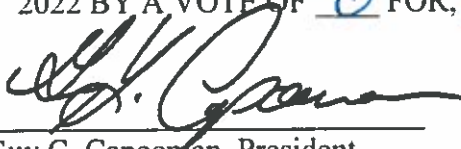
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Business Committee hereby rescinds the temporary suspension of requirements for surveillance and mass COVID-19 testing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that testing of unvaccinated employees and quarterly all-employee testing is reinstated.

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

CERTIFICATION

AS SECRETARY OF THE QUINAULT BUSINESS COMMITTEE, I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY ENACTED BY THE QUINAULT BUSINESS COMMITTEE ON THE 22nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022 BY A VOTE OF 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, AND 0 ABSTAINING.



Guy C. Capoeman, President
Quinault Indian Nation



Latosha L. Underwood, Secretary
Quinault Business Committee