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FOR
RESOLUTION NO. 22-291-99

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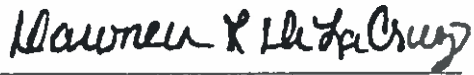
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A RESOLUTION TO MOVE TO PHASE 1 OF THE QUINAULT INDIAN NATION ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMUNITY PHASED APPROACH GUIDANCE AND CLOSING DOWN NON-ESSENTIAL SERVICES

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, when the delta variant became dominant in March 2021, there were increases in positive COVID-19 cases, as well as the number of persons in quarantine and isolation, on the Quinault Reservation, which led to another stay-at-home order in October 2021; and

WHEREAS, in late November, 2021, the omicron variant of COVID-19 was identified in the United States and is more contagious than the delta variant; and

WHEREAS, in December, 2021, the Business Committee adopted the Quinault Indian Nation Administrative and Community Phased Approach, which updates and improves upon the guidance that has been in place since May, 2020; and

WHEREAS, due to the recent explosion of the number of COVID-19 cases in the QIN Community, the Incident Command Team recommends that the Quinault Indian Nation be moved to Phase 1 of the Administrative and Community Phased Approach and non-essential Quinault services and operations be shut down; and

WHEREAS, the Quinault Business Committee has a responsibility to protect the Quinault Community and is deeply concerned for the health and wellbeing of our members and all people in the greater community; and

WHEREAS, the Business Committee finds that moving the Quinault Community into Phase 1 and shutting down non-essential services and operations is in the best interests of the Quinault Indian Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee hereby approves moving the Quinault Community into Phase 1 of the Quinault Indian Nation Administrative and Community Phased Approach and directs that the following guidelines will be followed until further notice:

- 1) For government operations:
 - a) Public Building Access: By appointment only
 - b) Office Capacity: 25% in-office capacity, rotate and stagger schedules where possible
 - c) Social Distancing: Assigned teams for carpooling purposes
 - d) Health & Safety Protocols: Temp checks, masks, social distancing, hand washing are required
 - e) Events: Same as community guidelines below
 - f) Training & Travel: Limited to essential

- 2) For the community:
 - a) Indoor Social and At Home Gatherings: Maximum of 5 people from outside your household
 - b) Outdoor Social and At Home Gatherings: Maximum of 10 people
 - c) Weddings and Funerals: No more than 10 people, immediate family only, outdoors or large area like gym, approval of further safety recommendations from ICT
 - d) Indoor Recreation: Private activities for same household permitted
 - e) Outdoor Recreation: Maximum of 10 people. Individual or same household low risk activities permitted -hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, biking, running, snow sports, etc.
 - f) Travel: Essential travel only

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Quinault Business Committee hereby closes the Quinault Nation government offices for the period of January 6 through January 12, 2022, and limited essential services will be provided during this time as follows:

QDNR – Hatchery staff, any field staff (spawning surveyors) and sampling staff, forestry dealing with timber sales administration, Land Management on a periodic basis, procurement on a periodic basis and permits and enrollment office on an appointment basis.

FINANCE – Revenue will be opened daily from 10AM to 2PM for fisheries disaster checks, revenue services, payroll pick up and financial assistance. The other services that will be open daily with limited access is contracts, benefits (remotely), accounts payable, check disbursement and receiving.

LAW – Law Enforcement, Resource Enforcement, Corrections, EMS, Animal Control and Emergency Management.

COMMUNITY SERVICES – Utilities will be on-site as needed, custodians will rotate, maintenance on call as needed.

IT – The QIN Help Desk Services and management will be onsite, all others will rotate and/or work from home.


ADMINISTRATION – Nugguam staff as needed, Receptionist, mailroom on an as needed basis, Education to deliver home kits, TANF alternating staff, TERO in the field.

RSHC – All essential services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure also impacts the childcare, Early Head Start, and Head Start programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that employees who are able to work from home shall do so during this time, and employees who are either unable to work from home or are unable to work a full 40 hours will be paid Emergency Leave for the hours they do not work during this period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Committee will revisit the situation on January 12, 2022, and will either rescind or modify this resolution as needed.


Guy C. Capoceman, President
Quinault Indian Nation

CERTIFICATION

As Secretary of the Quinault Business Committee, I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly enacted by the Quinault Business Committee on January 5, 2022 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining.


Latosha Underwood, Secretary
Quinault Business Committee