

**RESOLUTION
TERMINATING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**THE
_____ TRIBE**

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WHEREAS, the _____ Tribe entered into the _____ with the United States of America on _____, reserving sovereign and aboriginal rights in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, Article __, § __ of the Tribal Constitution provides the Tribal Council is empowered to promote and protect the health and welfare of the members of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on [INSERT DATE], the [INSERT NAME OF TRIBAL COUNCIL] issued [INSERT RESOLUTION #], proclaiming a State of Emergency for the Tribe as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 within the [INSERT NAME OF TRIBE]'s jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression within [INSERT NAME OF TRIBE], and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, the [INSERT NAME OF TRIBE] Tribal Council subsequently issued several amendatory resolutions, exercising their emergency powers by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified obligations and limitations under Tribal code and policy; and

WHEREAS, although COVID-19 continues as an ongoing and present threat to [INSERT NAME OF TRIBE], the measures the [INSERT NAME OF TRIBE] has taken together as a community over the past three years, including the willingness of most [INSERT NAME OF TRIBE] citizens to take advantage of the remarkable, life-saving vaccines being administered by the Tribe, have made a difference and have altered the course of the pandemic within the community; and

**Drafted by the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State
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WHEREAS, while COVID-19 appears to be here to stay, recent advances in medicine, including the availability of bivalent COVID-19 boosters for people 5 years and older and vaccines for children 6 months and older, as well as treatments like antivirals, are reasons to be hopeful that we will have the tools to protect the [INSERT NAME OF TRIBE] community from severe disease and death to the greatest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, although recent statistics reflect the continued persistence of COVID-19 in our surrounding communities, including continued hospitalizations and deaths due to COVID-19, [INSERT NAME OF TRIBE] health experts believe that as a community we have made adequate progress against COVID-19 to end the state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the [INSERT NAME OF TRIBAL HEALTH CLINIC] will continue to monitor COVID-19 disease activity in the [INSERT NAME OF TRIBE] community and carry out public health activities that help prevent severe disease and death from COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, [INSERT NAME OF TRIBAL COUNCIL], as a result of the above- noted situation, do hereby proclaim that, although the threat of COVID-19 remains in [NAME OF TRIBE]'s community, a State of Emergency Declaration is no longer necessary to continue to respond to this disease.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, [INSERT NAME OF TRIBAL COUNCIL] hereby declares the termination of the state of emergency declared in [INSERT TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION #] and rescinds and terminates [INSERT TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION #], and also hereby rescinds all COVID-19 emergency resolutions issued pursuant to [INSERT TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION #], effective [INSERT DATE].

CERTIFICATION

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that on this date there was a regular meeting held of the _____ Tribal Council on the _____ Reservation, at which time a quorum was present;

WE FURTHER CERTIFY, that the above numbered resolution, was at said meeting, introduced, evaluated, and was passed by a vote of _____ FOR, _____ AGAINST, _____ ABSTAIN dated this ___ day of _____, 20__.

Chairperson

Attest:
Council Member