



# PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS



## PUYALLUP TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 270320

**WHEREAS**, the Puyallup Tribe has existed since creation as the aboriginal people who are the owners and guardians of their lands and waters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Puyallup Tribe is an independent sovereign nation, having historically negotiated with several foreign nations, including the United States in the Medicine Creek Treaty; and

**WHEREAS**, the Puyallup Tribal Council is the governing body of the Puyallup Tribe in accordance with the authority of its sovereign rights as the aboriginal owners and guardians of their lands and waters, reaffirmed in the *Medicine Creek Treaty*, and their *Constitution and By Laws*, as amended and approved by the Tribe and the Assistant Secretary of the Interior; and

**WHEREAS**, the Puyallup Tribal Constitution Article VI, Section 1(k) grants the Puyallup Tribal Council the authority to promulgate and enforce ordinances governing the conduct of members of the Puyallup Tribe,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary at times to amend the Election Code in order to meet the needs of the Puyallup Tribal community; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 virus poses a serious threat to the lives of all Puyallup Tribal members causing delays in governmental processes and functions temporarily.

**This Resolution makes two emergency, temporary amendments to the Election Code. These amendments change the date of the 2020 primary election to June 6, and the 2020 general election to August 1. The amendments also address other dates and deadlines associated with the primary election.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that in light of the existing health emergency and the resulting Public Health Emergency declared by the Tribal Council on March 19, 2020, the Council hereby enacts two emergency, temporary amendments to the Tribe's Election Code, as follows:

Section 9.12.130 is amended to add the italicized language to that section:

- (a) During every election cycle, the primary election must be held on the first Saturday in April; *provided, however, that the primary election for the year 2020 shall be held on Saturday, June 6, 2020. All dates and deadlines associated with the primary election*

*remain as originally established, with the following clarification: because the date of the primary election is being changed, the deadline for return of absentee ballots under Section 9.12.300 shall be on June 6 at 8:00 a.m., the new election date.*

Section 9.12.150 is amended to add the italicized language to that section:

- (a) During every election cycle, the general election must be held on the first Saturday in June; *provided, however, that the general election for the year 2020 shall be held on August 1, 2020.*

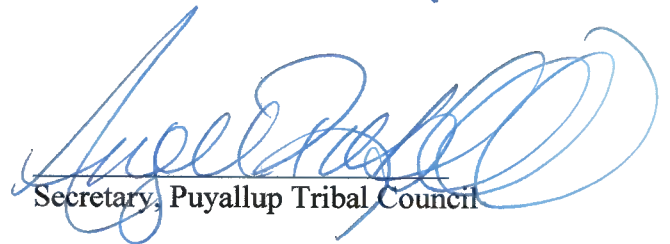
The italicized language added by these amendments shall expire and become ineffective on December 31, 2020. At that point, subsections 130(a) and 150(a) shall once again read as they did before these amendments.

**BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this is an emergency measure and public comment is waived per Section 2.12.040 of the "Code Adoption, Revision, and Distribution" Ordinance; and


**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, by the Tribal Council that it authorizes the Tribal Council Chairman (David Z. Bean) and in his absence, the Vice-Chairman (Bill Sterud), to execute this Resolution and other such required implementing documents as are required on behalf of the Tribe.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Angel Roberson, Secretary of the Puyallup Tribal Council of the Puyallup Reservation do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Puyallup Tribal Council held on the Puyallup Indian Reservation on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, a quorum being present with a vote of 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 NOT VOTING its adoption.

  
Secretary, Puyallup Tribal Council

ATTEST:

  
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David Z. Bean, Chairman  
Puyallup Tribal Council