

**Nisqually Indian Tribe**  
**Tribal Council Resolution No. 71-2021**

**A Resolution Expanding COVID-19 Testing**

WHEREAS, the Nisqually Indian Tribe is the successor descendent entity of the Nisqually Nation signatory to the Treaty of Medicine Creek of 1854 (10 Stat. 1132), and unto this day has retained and maintained its Tribal identity, its governing body, and its sovereign powers; AND

WHEREAS, the Nisqually Indian Tribe is a federally recognized American Indian Tribe organized under its governing Constitution and Bylaws approved by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior on September 9, 1946 and amended on October 28, 1994, pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. 476; AND

WHEREAS, the Nisqually General Council is the duly constituted governing body of the Nisqually Tribe, and the Tribal Council is the duly elected representative body of the General Council by the authority of the Tribe's Constitution and Bylaws, as amended; AND

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council in Tribal Council Resolution 23-2020, on March 11, 2020, declared a State of Emergency because of the COVID-19 epidemic; AND

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council in Tribal Council Resolution 25-2021, on March 11, 2020, allowed for the Nisqually Clinic to provide COVID testing to any tribal employee that has a work exposure; AND

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council find that the increasing risks of COVID-19 warrant an increase in flexibility to provide testing at the Nisqually Clinic for Tribal, Enterprise, and Casino Employees for any appropriate reason not limited to work exposure; AND

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council find that the Tribe has the resources necessary to provide testing at the Nisqually Clinic to any Tribal or Enterprise Employee with appropriate reason for testing including public health surveillance, travel, or known or suspected exposure, due to the fact that Tribal Nations have an overall greater health risk and more vulnerable population at risk for COVID-19; AND


WHEREAS, The Tribal Council find that the increase in accessibility to COVID-19 testing would benefit the Tribal member; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nisqually Tribal Council hereby instructs the Nisqually Clinic to provide COVID testing at the Nisqually Clinic to any employee of the Tribe or Tribe's enterprises including the Casino.

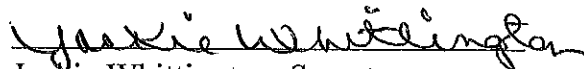
**Certification**

I certify that the above Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Nisqually Tribal Council held on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021 at the Nisqually Administration Building, at which time a quorum was present and voting 6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTENTIONS.

ATTEST:



William Frank III, Chairman  
Nisqually Indian Tribe



Jackie Whittington, Secretary  
Nisqually Indian Tribe