

**Nisqually Indian Tribe**  
**Tribal Council Resolution No. 78 -2021**

**A Resolution Re-Closing the Nisqually Indian Reservation**

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 Director General of the World Health Organization has declared that the 2019-nCoV/COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the State of Washington and the Nisqually Tribal Council have also declared that 2019-nCoV/COVID-19 constitutes a public health emergency

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nisqually Tribal Council does hereby, effective immediately, close the Nisqually Indian Reservation. Access shall be restricted to Nisqually Tribal Members, Permanent Residents, NIT Government Employees and Enterprise Personnel, Delivery, Postal, Food Services and Emergency Personnel, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nisqually Tribal Council does hereby delegate authority to the Director of Public Safety to, in writing, authorize others to come onto the reservation. Such authorization shall be limited to what the Director determines is necessary to respond to this emergency. The Director of Public Safety may also allow visitors as he deems necessary to assist residents in obtaining food, health care, or critical medical supplies. All such authorizations shall be in writing, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure shall not include the Nisqually Red Wind Casino and other Tribal Enterprises, AND

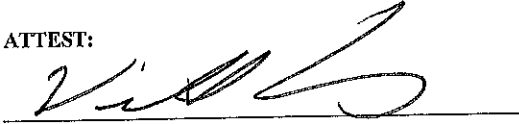
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Tribal Council or until the Tribal Council declares by resolution that the Emergency has ended, AND

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that signs shall be posted informing the public of this closure and anyone found within the boundaries in violation of this resolution shall be guilty of Trespass in violation of NTC 10.8.15 and NTC 14.13.10.

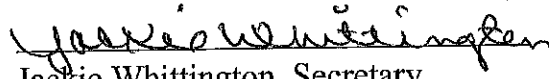
**Certification**

I certify that the above Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Nisqually Tribal Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 at the Nisqually Administration Building, at which time a quorum was present and voting    FOR    AGAINST    ABSTENTIONS.

ATTEST:



William Frank III, Chairman  
Nisqually Indian Tribe



Jackie Whittington, Secretary  
Nisqually Indian Tribe