



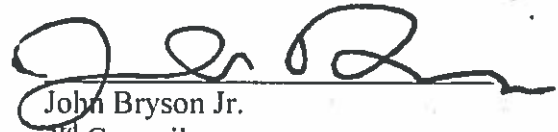
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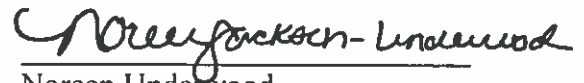
## QUINAULT BUSINESS COMMITTEE SIGN OFF SHEET

FOR  
RESOLUTION NO. 23 - 83 - 100

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### A RESOLUTION RESCINDING COVID-19 MASKING POLICY FOR HEALTHCARE FACILITIES ON THE QUINAULT RESERVATION

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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**, 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**, the Nation moved into Phase 4 of the Administrative and Community Phased Approach in April, 2022, which basically reopened the Quinault Community; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of moving to Phase 4, masking became optional except that masks continued to be required for all community members and employees in the Nation's healthcare facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, nationally, COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are trending down, and the state of Washington intends to rescind its universal masking requirement in all healthcare and correctional facilities as of April 3, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Incident Command Team recommends that the Nation also rescind the masking requirement for the Nation's healthcare facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Business Committee finds that rescinding the masking requirement is in the best interests of the Quinault Indian Nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Quinault Business Committee hereby rescinds the masking requirement for community members and employees in all of the Nation's healthcare facilities, effective April 3, 2023.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Committee will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and either rescind or modify this resolution as needed.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

AS SECRETARY OF THE QUINAULT BUSINESS COMMITTEE, I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY ENACTED BY THE QUINAULT BUSINESS COMMITTEE ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2023, BY A VOTE OF 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, AND 0 ABSTAINING.



Guy L. Caporinan, President  
Quinault Indian Nation



Latosha Underwood, Secretary  
Quinault Business Committee