



# NOOKSACK TRIBAL COUNCIL

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## RESOLUTION #19-150 December 3, 2019

**TITLE:** CREATION OF THE HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE

**WHEREAS**, the Nooksack Indian Tribe is a party to the Treaty of Point Elliot dated January 22, 1855, 12 Stat. 927, and is a sovereign, federally-recognized Indian Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nooksack Tribal Council is the governing body of the Nooksack Indian Tribe in accordance with Article III, Section 1 of its Constitution and Bylaws approved by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs on September 24, 1973, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic security, employment and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of the Nooksack Indian Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nooksack Tribal Council acknowledges that homelessness is a significant concern; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nooksack Indian Tribe has an increasing number of homeless tribal members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nooksack Tribal Council wishes to be proactive in addressing these concerns moving forward, rather than reactive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nooksack Tribal Council desires to create a Homeless Task Force as an ad hoc advisory body to the Nooksack Tribal Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Homeless Task Force shall be added to the Stipend Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Homeless Task Force will be coordinated by the General Manager.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Tribal Council hereby approves the establishment of a Homeless Task Force to identify and analyze existing resources for the homeless, to identify overlaps or gaps in existing services, and to identify areas in which the Tribe may use its resources to coordinate services for the homeless populations of the Nooksack Indian tribe; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Task Force shall be composed of representatives from the following stakeholder groups: Housing Director; General Manager; Tribal Council Member (1); Tribal Staff Member (1); Social Services Director; Youth & Family Services Director; Medical

Professional (1); Chemical Dependency Professional (1); Behavioral Health Professional (1); Citizen-at-large, appointed by the Tribal Council. This citizen must live in Whatcom County (2); Tribal Elder, appointed by the Tribal Council. This citizen must live in Whatcom County (1); and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Homeless Task Force shall produce a final report to the Tribal Council no later than 12 months after the date of its first meeting, which shall occur within 1 month of the signing of this resolution; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the final report shall include the following analyses and recommendations:

- a list of options to gather data to identify homeless Nooksack Tribal Members in Washington
- determine a thorough definition of Homeless for the Nooksack Indian Tribe
- a comprehensive list of existing services currently provided to Nooksack's homeless community by Tribal, Federal, State, and local governments, non-profit organizations, and other agencies
- an analysis of existing services, focusing on overlaps and gaps in service
- a review of neighboring municipalities' code language and ordinances regarding homelessness
- an analysis of Whatcom County's homeless housing plan
- a recommendations of how to close current service gaps and reduce service overlaps
- a recommendations for the Tribal Council on how to coordinate or create services, programs, or facilities for the homeless community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Nooksack Tribal Council appropriates \$10,000.00 (FUND 101 – Admin) to provide adequate resources to support the research and analysis and final report that will be produced by the Task Force; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman (or other councilperson in his/her absence) is hereby authorized and directed to execute this resolution and any documents connected here within, and the Secretary (or other councilperson in his/her absence) are authorized and directed to execute the following certification.

### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned do hereby certify that the Nooksack Tribal Council is composed of eight (8) members, of which 8 were present, constituting a quorum of a duly called meeting thereof held on this 3 day of Dec, 2019 and that the above Resolution #19-150 approving the *CREATATION OF THE HOMELESSNES TASK FORCE*, was duly enacted by the Council

Members vote of: 7 FOR, 0 OPPOSED, and 0 ABSTENTIONS, and since its approval this resolution has not been altered, rescinded, or amended in any way.

Dated this 3 day of December, 2019.

Ross Cline SR  
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Ross Cline, Sr., Chairman  
Nooksack Tribal Council

**ATTEST:**

Frank Leyva  
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Frank Leyva, Secretary  
Nooksack Tribal Council