

Resolution: 2020-07-013
Date Approved: July 29, 2020
Subject: Directive to Wear Face
Masks to Stop the Spread of
COVID-19

- WHEREAS,** the Samish Indian Nation was Federally re-acknowledged by the Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior of the United States of America on April 26, 1996; and
- WHEREAS,** the Samish Tribal Council is empowered to act on behalf of the Samish Indian Nation pursuant to Article VI, Section 2, of the Samish Tribal Constitution, approved November 14, 2003, by Resolution of the Samish Tribal Council and adopted and ratified by Vote of the Samish General Council on March 2, 2004 and recognized by the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, David W. Anderson on April 20, 2004; and
- WHEREAS,** the health, safety, welfare, and education of the Indian people of the Samish Indian Nation is the responsibility of the Tribal Council of the Samish Indian Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Samish Tribal Council COVID-19 pandemic is a public health emergency that affects the entire planet;
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Chairman declared a Tribal State of Emergency on March 10, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- WHEREAS,** Skagit County, Washington State, and the United States have declared states of emergency related to COVID-19;
- WHEREAS,** Samish operations have been substantially adjusted, including social distancing, and working from home, to follow guidance and recommendations from state, local, and national jurisdictions and their health care authorities including the CDC
- WHEREAS,** Samish has implemented public health measures including the purchase of essential supplies to support Samish citizens in need, as a proactive and direct response to protect lives and reduce immediate threats to public health and safety;
- WHEREAS,** Samish recognizes that wearing face coverings is a critically important measure to reduce the spread of the disease;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Samish Tribal Council directs all Samish citizens to wear face masks or face coverings in public spaces whenever physical distancing of six feet or greater isn't possible, and at work in almost all situations, to reduce the spread of COVID-19.



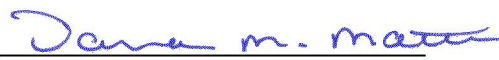
SAMISH TRIBAL COUNCIL

By: 

Thomas D. Wooten
Tribal Chairman

CERTIFICATION

The above resolution was duly adopted by the Samish Tribal Council via a special conference call Council meeting held on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at which time a quorum was present by a vote of:
 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAIN.

Certified by: 
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