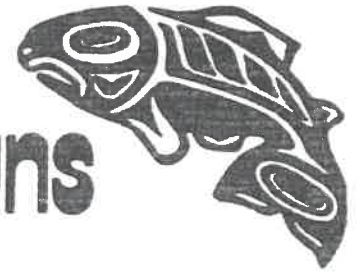




Puyallup Tribe of Indians



PUYALLUP TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 001223A

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribe has existed since creation as the aboriginal people who are the owners and guardians of their lands and water; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribe is an independent sovereign nation, having historically negotiated with several foreign nations, including the United States in the Medicine Creek Treaty; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribal Council is the governing body of the Puyallup Tribe in accordance with the authority of its sovereign rights as the aboriginal owners and guardians of their lands and water, reaffirmed in the *Medicine Creek Treaty*, and their *Constitution and ByLaws*, as amended and approved by the Tribe and the Assistant Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Tribal Council to protect and preserve the future of the Tribe by exercising their traditional powers to ensure that the Indian children of the community are properly cared for; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribal Constitution Article VI, Section 1(k) and the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 25 United States Code Sections 1901 through 1963 have set forth an organization and structure in which this traditional power of the Tribe to care for Indian children can be exercised; and

<p>A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL INDIAN CHILD WELFARE COURT IN PIERCE COUNTY TO HELP PUYALLUP TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES</p>
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WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribe has intervened and participated in many Indian Child Welfare cases in State Courts, and its ICWA Attorney brings news that special ICWA Courts are being created in Washington State and they are helpful to Puyallup Tribal members and their families;

WHEREAS, local Pierce County Court officials are considering establishing a Special ICWA court in Pierce County, this is a new cutting-edge tool for ICWA, and there is an opportunity for the Puyallup Tribe to support that effort;

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribe's Indian Child Welfare Program has had good experiences with Special ICWA Courts in Spokane County and Yakima County;

WHEREAS, as part of the effort to create a Special ICWA Court in Pierce County, the local Judge from Pierce County wanted to meet with Tribal Judges, and recently requested to meet via zoom with our Puyallup Tribal Court Judges and ICWA attorney in order to gain insight into improving treatment Tribal children and families, and to become more Tribal friendly;

WHEREAS, the ICWA Attorney is pleased to announce that our Puyallup Tribal Court Judges Darwin Long Fox, Alec Wrolson and Mary Cardoza are willing to meet with the local Judge from Pierce County via zoom, and this will end up helping Puyallup children and families;

WHEREAS, the Puyallup ICWA Attorney recommends supporting the creation of a Special ICWA Court in Pierce County because this will benefit Tribal members and will also build greater knowledge and understanding of ICWA in the Pierce County Court system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians supports the creation of a Special ICWA Court in Pierce County; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the Tribal Council of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians that it authorizes the Chairman (Bill Sterud), and in his absence, the Vice-Chairwoman (Sylvia Miller), to execute this Resolution and other such required documents on behalf of the Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

I, Olivia Mauntson, Secretary of the Puyallup Tribal Council of the Puyallup Reservation do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Puyallup Tribal Council held on the Puyallup Indian Reservation, on the 6 day of December 2023, a quorum being present with a vote of 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstaining and 1 Not Voting its adoption.

BY: Olivia Mauntson
Secretary, Puyallup Tribal Council

ATTEST:

Bill Sterud
Bill Sterud, Chairman