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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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Elections Committee Extends Voting Period and adds Polling Sites for Referendum Vote

(Nespelem, WA)- The Chairman of the of the Colville Business Council's Election Committee, Roger Finley, announced amendments to the schedule of events for the Referendum Vote regarding Colville Business Council members serving 4 year terms.

"It's essential for all Tribal members to have the opportunity for their voices to be heard," Finley said today. "This will be accomplished by adding an additional week for ballots to be submitted, extending the deadline from January 11 to January 18, as well as adding poll voting which will be held on January 18."

Elections Coordinator, Lachelle Ives, noted that poll voting will take place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 18 at the following locations: Nespelem Community Center, Keller Community Center, Inchehium Community Center, and the Omak Senior Meal Site. Ballot request forms can be obtained at the Elections Office, by calling 509-634-2151, or emailing Ives at Lachelle.ives.elc@colvilletribes.com

"The goal of the Elections Committee is to guarantee fair tribal elections," Finley said, adding "It's equally important to encourage voter participation to ensure an accurate representation of how the membership is feeling on a particular issue."

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,531 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The twelve tribes which compose the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation include: ščəlámxəx^w (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; sǰ'w'y?iłp (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntíyátk^wəx^w (grass in the water) or Entiat; snšáyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mətx^wu (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxčənəx^w (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia; nspilm (prairie) or Nespelem; uknaqin (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənpš'wílx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnpəšq^wáwəsəx^w (people in between) or Wenatchi.