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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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The Colville Tribes Extends Its Partial Government Shutdown and Shuts Down All Non-Essential Businesses on the Colville Reservation

NESPELEM, WA – The partial shutdown of Tribal government currently in effect was extended today until midnight on April 30, 2020 by Resolution of the Colville Business Council. Also, all non-essential businesses on the Colville Reservation are ordered to cease operations until midnight on April 30, 2020.

Employees of the Tribal government shall continue in their current partial shutdown status, except as amended by future Resolution of the Colville Business Council or by supervisors within an individual program of Tribal government. Supervisors shall contact tribal employees to give specific guidance as to any questions about their status.

To classify businesses on the Colville Reservation as essential or non-essential, the Tribes generally concurs with and adopts the definitions provided in the appendix to the Governor of Washington's Proclamation of March 23, 2020. The Tribes may amend or re-classify some businesses, however, on a case-by-case basis to reflect the unique needs of the Colville Reservation.

A prior Resolution to prohibit camping within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation has been amended to allow camping by enrolled tribal members. The prohibition on camping remains in force for all other individuals, and the Tribes' earlier prohibition of public gatherings of a size greater than ten individuals also remains in effect for everyone across the Reservation.

Rodney Cawston, Chairman of the Colville Tribes, said, "The actions taken by the Tribes to date appear to be working to slow the spread of COVID-19 on the Reservation. But the virus is still active and still extremely dangerous,

so now is no time to change direction. We will stick with what works for as long as necessary to protect the lives and health of our people.”

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,533 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: ščəlám̄xəx^w (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; sǰ^wyʔilp (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntiyátk^wəx^w (grass in the water) or Entiat; snʔáyckst (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 Nspelem; uknaqin (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənpʔ^wilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnpəšq^wáwsəx^w (people in between) or Wenatchi.