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PROCLAMATION HONORING THE TULALIP TRIBES' LEADERSHIP IN THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY

- WHEREAS,** the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians is a Federally Recognized Indian Government, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 461, *et seq.*; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Governing Board serves as the governing body of the Tribe pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Governing Board passed Tribal Governing Board Resolution No. 2024-22 on February 12, 2024 repealing Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Code of Law GNC.4.4.060 its entirety as it relates to the civil penalties for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia; and
- WHEREAS,** as of November 2023 there are 38 states plus Washington DC and four territories with marijuana legalization, including 24 states—Washington DC, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands—that have legalized adult-use marijuana, serving at least four million medical patients; and
- WHEREAS,** tribally-owned marijuana retail operations have increased by nearly 25% since 2023 and there are nearly 50 Tribes that own and/or operate marijuana operations across the United States, the majority of which are in Washington; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Governing Board acknowledges The Tulalip Tribes of Washington (“The Tulalip Tribes”) as a federally recognized Indian Tribe with inherent sovereign authority to make its own laws to govern activities on Tribal lands through which The Tulalip Tribal Board of Directors established a system of medical and adult-use marijuana as Chapter 15.40 GOVERNMENT CANNABIS CODE through the passage of Res. 2017-335 on August 4, 2017, amended by Res. 2023-284 on June 2, 2024; and
- WHEREAS,** The Tulalip Tribes was the first Tribe to open a marijuana dispensary in Snohomish County, overall sixth in the state of Washington, and one of the first to open a tribally-owned adult-use marijuana dispensary in the United States.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Tribal Governing Board recognizes The Tulalip Tribes’ efforts in creating a regulated market that prioritizes public health and safety, community engagement, workforce development, employment opportunities, and economic expansion for their community, underscoring the importance of sovereignty, self-determination, and the right of Tribal nations to manage their resources and economic futures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Tribal Governing Board proudly supports The Tulalip Tribe in their continued medical cannabis research, demonstrating formidable dedication to substance-use recovery, health improvement, and enhanced quality of life.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Tribal Governing Board applauds The Tulalip Tribes for opening one of the first tribally-owned adult-use marijuana dispensaries across the United States following diligent investigations into best practices for cannabis regulation and operations, catalyzing economic development, healthcare improvement, and the assertion of Tribal sovereignty.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY PROCLAIMED, that the Tribal Governing Board commends The Tulalip Tribe for their integrity in providing a “curated cannabis experience designed for both the connoisseur and the tourist alike, with a focus on offering a unique, informative customer experience,” elevating the standards of wellness-driven services and showcasing exemplary leadership in the cannabis industry.

The Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

Louis Taylor, Chairman

Tweed Shuman, Vice-Chairperson

William Trepanier, Secretary/Treasurer

Michelle Beaudin, Council Member

David Bisonette, Council Member

Don Carley, Council Member

Gary Clause, Council Member