Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

Established by the Treaty of June 9, 1855

RESOLUTION

T-162-09

WHEREAS, the Yakama Nation is a federally recognized Nation pursuant to the Treaty of 1855 (12 Stat. 951), and

WHEREAS, the Yakama Tribal Council is the governing body of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation of the Yakama Reservation, Washington, by the authority delegated by Resolution T-38-56, and

WHEREAS, the President, under Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, Local, and Tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity, and

WHEREAS, be it resolved by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Yakama Nation to designate an official who shall be the authorized representative to develop policies and make recommendations to the Tribal Council for technical standards for Tribal wireless radio communications systems, including emergency communications systems. The standards must address, among other things, the interoperability of systems, taking into account both existing and future systems and technologies; and

WHEREAS, the designate official shall also coordinate and manage on behalf of the Yakama Nation, the licensing and use of Tribal-designated and Tribal-licensed radio frequencies, including the spectrum used for public safety and emergency communications, and serve as the point of contact with the federal communications commission, State, Local agencies and other tribes on matters relating to allocation, use, and licensing of radio spectrum; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State, and Tribal Organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communication, consolidated action plans, comprehensive resource management, and designate incident facilities during emergencies or disasters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Executive Board of the Yakama Tribal Council, acting under authority delegated by Section III A of the Rules of Procedures, approved by Yakama Tribal Council Resolution T-10-61, dated July 13, 1960, and meeting at the Governmental Headquarters of the Yakama Nation, hereby approves the Emergency Management Director as the Inter-Operable Communications Designate Official.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any member of the Yakama Tribal Council Executive Board is authorized to negotiate and execute any agreements and amendments thereof, on behalf of the Yakama Tribal Council, as delegated by Section III A of the Rules of Procedures pursuant to T-10-61, as approved, provided further that any Executive Board Member may negotiate the contract.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Yakama Nation does not waive, alter, or otherwise diminish its Sovereign Immunity, whether expressed or implied, by virtue of this resolution for any and all administrative or legal action which may arise directly or indirectly from the same, nor does the Yakama Nation waive, alter, or otherwise diminish its rights, privileges, remedies or services guaranteed by the Treaty of 1855.

DONE AND DATED on this 24th day of September, 2009 by the undersigned members of the Executive Board of the Yakama Tribal Council.

Ralph Sampson, Jr., Chairman

Yakama Tribal Council

Lavina Washines, Vice-Chairwoman

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Portia J. Shields, Secretary

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