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PENDLETON BLANKET DISTRIBUTION POLICY

1. *Family Responsibility.*

The Colville Tribes shall not provide blankets to individuals or families as a giveaway item, personal gift (other than as provided in this policy where an individual meets the eligibility criteria), or to raise funds for private use (i.e. raffle).

Although it is the responsibility of the family or group of people trying to put on an event to provide the items needed to host an event, the Tribes encourage the efforts of tribal members to continue the traditions and customs of our people. It is the custom of the Tribes for the family to gather the necessary items to have a giveaway, memorial, feast, Chinook dance, or some other cultural event.

2. *Colville Tribes Responsibility.*

It is the responsibility and intent of the Colville Tribes to use tribal resources in the best interest of the whole membership and not to benefit just a select few. As part of the Tribes fiscal responsibility, support staff will track the inventory and maintain a record of any applications submitted as well as distributions. The Tribes will also ensure that the membership is aware of this policy by publishing the policy in the Tribal Tribune when approved and any time the policy is amended.

Blankets distributions are contingent upon available inventory and by the CBC to expend funds to purchase blankets.

3. *Eligibility.*

Individuals are only eligible for a Pendleton blanket if they meet the following criteria:

a. Funerals for Tribal Members.

A blanket shall be provided to the family of a Tribal Member upon notification to the Enrollment Department that the Tribal Member passed away. The Enrollment Office will verify that the decedent is a tribal member and shall process these requests.

b. Student Graduation Award for Tribal Members.

One blanket is available to a Tribal Member for each degree received (i.e. High School, AA/AAS for a 2 years college degree, BA/BA for a 4 year college degree, Masters Degree, Doctorate Degree). A Tribal Member is only eligible to receive one blanket per degree level per year, however, two blankets are allowed within a one year period where the Tribal Member receives more than one degree level. For example, where a Tribal Member receives their High School Diploma at the same time as their Associate's degree, two blankets would be allowed. Only one blanket is available to Tribal Members for double majors. An application shall be

submitted to the Higher Education Department, Public Education Services, or Employment & Training Services. Verification of graduation with documentation of degree must be provided within one year of graduation or the application will be rejected. The blanket must be picked up in person or pay for postage or sign a release form to allow someone to pick up the blanket on their behalf. The Program Manager has the authority to sign for distribution.

c. Funerals for Employees.

An application shall be submitted by the Colville Business Council or Program Manager. The decedent shall fall into one of these two categories:

- i. An employee that died on the job, such as a police officer, EMT, TOSHA officer, or other employee who died as a result of the hazardous conditions of their position with the Tribes. No minimum number of years of service with the Tribes is required, nor must the decedent be a Tribal Member.
- ii. A former employee with at least 20 years of service with the Tribes. No requirement to be a Tribal Member, rather their lengthy years of service reflects their dedication to the Tribes.

d. Retirement/Separation of Employment.

- i. For individuals that are retiring or separating from employment where they have worked for the Tribes for a minimum of 20 years. No requirement to be a Tribal Member.
- ii. For an employee injured on the job and is no longer able to work due to their injury. No requirement to be a Tribal Member.

e. Visiting Dignitary, Special Guests, Inter-Tribal Recognition.

A blanket is available for an individual who has shown special support to the Tribes that have benefitted the membership in an extraordinary way. No requirement to be a Tribal Member, and examples include individuals who have won a political race for a high position and have supported the Tribes during their campaign (such as the WA Governor or US Senator), Individuals who have worked to enhance the restoration of the Tribes language or cultural efforts, or an individual who has provided dedicated service to improve the lives of Tribal Members and the Reservation Community. An application shall be submitted by the Colville Business Council.

4. *Application Process.*

Every blanket distributed under 3(c)-(e) must go through the application process. Application forms are available from Colville Business Council Support Staff. Blankets disbursed under 3(a)-(b) are not required to fill out the application. The application form must be signed by the applicant and fully completed. Incomplete applications or requests that do not meet the eligibility criteria outlined above will not be routed for Council signature. Every effort will be made to process complete applications in a timely manner.

The application form must have any necessary signatures and be initialed off by the CBC Support Staff as meeting eligibility criteria before being routed to the Colville Business Council for approval.

5. *CBC Approval.*

Approval from the Colville Business Council is not required for the distribution of a blanket under 3(a) and 3(b). However, signatures from 5 Colville Business Council members is required for distribution of a blanket under any other context (specifically, 3(c)-(e)). No single CBC member shall have the authority to approve an application.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Culture Committee to approve rescinding Resolution Number 2000-646, and replace it with the attached Pendleton Blanket Distribution Policy to Clarify the Eligibility Criteria and Approval Process; and

WHEREAS, it is important to clearly identify that the Family putting on a giveaway, memorial, feast, or other cultural event is responsible for gathering items to giveaway or honor an individual; and

WHEREAS, although the family bears the responsibility to gather those item, the Tribes recognize that in certain instances it is important for the Tribes to celebrate a tribal member's life upon passing, honor a tribal member graduate, recognize the passing of an employee for their dedicated service, honor retirees with lengthy service to the Tribes, and gift a blanket to dignitaries or other individuals who have worked to benefit the membership or tribal community in an extraordinary way; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Tribes' desire to honor those individuals, the Tribes have established a Pendleton Blanket Distribution Policy to outline the eligibility criteria and approval process so that tribal members, former employees, or dignitaries can be honored with a Pendleton Blanket by the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes are rescinding Resolution Number 2000-646 to expand the eligibility criteria and clarifying the approval process so that the attached Pendleton Blanket Distribution Policy is Approved and All Tribal Members and Tribal Programs will adhere to the updated Policy; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Colville Business Council, meeting in a **SPECIAL SESSION** this 21st day of February, 2014 acting for and in behalf of the Colville Confederated Tribes, Nespelem Washington, do hereby approve the above recommendation of the Culture Committee.

The foregoing was duly enacted by the Colville Business Council by a vote of **12 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED**, under authority contained in Article V, Section 1(a) of the Constitution of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, ratified by the Colville Indians February 26, 1938, and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on April 19, 1938.

ATTEST:



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Colville Business Council

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