

**PROPOSED BY: BROWNE, FRAZEY AND DONOVAN**  
**INTRODUCTION DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2019**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RENAMING OF SQUAW CREEK TO PÁATSTEL CREEK**

**WHEREAS**, the approximately 4.3 mile stream in Whatcom County near Lynden, Washington is known as "Squaw Creek"; and

**WHEREAS**, a Nooksack tribal member, Paul Fetzer, identified the original name of the creek in a 1950 interview with Louis George; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nooksack name for this creek was Páatstel, which was associated with a historical Nooksack village near the source; and

**WHEREAS**, Nooksack Tribal Council Chairman Ross Cline, Sr. and Nooksack Tribal Director George Swanaset, Jr., submitted an application to the Washington State Board on Geographic Names requesting that Squaw Creek be renamed Páatstel Creek; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Whatcom County Council supports the renaming of Squaw Creek to Páatstel Creek.

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dana Brown Davis, Clerk of the Council

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Rud Browne, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Civil Deputy Prosecutor