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ROUND VALLEY RESERVATION ESTABLISHED 1856

RESOLUTION NO. RV-2026-049

A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND APPROVING THE ELECTION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Round Valley Indian Tribes is a federally recognized Tribe by the United States government, and

WHEREAS, the Round Valley Indian Tribes are the sovereign Tribal Nation of the Indian Tribes of the Round Valley Indian Reservation, and

WHEREAS, the Round Valley Tribal Council is recognized by the Federal Government of the United States of America as the governing body for the Indians of the Reservation, and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 17 of the Constitution of the Round Valley Indian Tribes states that the Tribal Council shall have the power to adopt an election ordinance covering all necessary procedures for both general and special elections, and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1.02(C) of the Election Ordinance states that the Election Ordinance can be modified by action of the Tribal Council by Resolution, and

WHEREAS, Section 4(C) of the Rules of Governance and Code of Ethics, states that Ordinances once enacted may be amended or modified by the Tribal Council, where the proposed amendment or modification has been presented and submitted for a minimum of two readings before action is taken. Any changes to be made to existing ordinances shall be recorded in the form of a resolution describing the amendment, modification, addition or deletion to the affected ordinance, and

WHEREAS, those cited amendments proposed for approval are attached to this Resolution entitled, **Attachment to the Election Ordinance Resolution for Approval June 8, 2026**, and

WHEREAS, the Election Board, to fulfill their duties and responsibilities to the tribal community, need to have a clear and precise ordinance from which to be directed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Round Valley Tribal Council hereby approves and authorizes:

The amendments to the Election Ordinance (enactment approval on July 8, revised on August 21, 2012) per presentation as additions, replacements, or deletions which are attached and are to become a part of said resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Round Valley Tribal Council, and/or the Vice-President in the absence of the President is hereby authorized by the governing body to execute said resolution approving the amendments to the Election Ordinance and any supporting documents.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned as President of the Round Valley Indian Tribes do hereby certify that this resolution was adopted at a duly noticed and duly called special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council at which ____(_) members were present, constituting a quorum, held on the 8th day of June 2026, and that this resolution was adopted by a vote of:

For	(0)
Against	None (0)
Abstentions	None (0)

And that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Joseph Parker, President, Round Valley Tribal Council

ATTEST:

Executive Secretary, Round Valley Tribal Council

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There were three (3) public meetings in which the community discussed the needed amendments to the Election Ordinance. The meetings were held on May 6, May 14 and May 30. Zoom was available at the latter two (2) meetings.

Tribal members contributed many amendments, and we jotted down all of them. But the group was informed that we would address the 'glaring' issues that had been brought up after the last few elections. Therefore, the Additions, Deletions, and Changes that follow are those most blatant sections.

ADDITIONS:

1) Article II, Section 2.02 Business Days
In this Ordinance, there are twenty-three (23) places where the word, "days", is used. For clarification, days means Business days to differentiate from calendar days.

2) Article IV, Section 4.01(D)(4)(e)
The Tribal Council shall appoint two (2) alternates to the Election Board. An alternate may be counted as part of the quorum when there is a need to access the Election Board Room. The alternates shall assist with the election process, but they shall not be members of the Board, they shall not have a vote on Board matters, nor will their services be compensated.

3) Article IV, Section 4.05 Quorum
Two (2) or more members of the Election Board shall constitute a quorum to be able to access the Election Board Room for work-related assignments. Alternates to the Election Board may be counted to reach the required quorum.

4) Article V, Section 5.02(C) Because it is a two (2) or three (3) day turnaround, background checks will be through the Tribal Police.

5) Article V, Section 5.02(F) The filing fee is $150.00, the receipt is due when returning the Nomination Form; payment through the Fiscal Office

6) Article XIV, Section 14.03 Reseating, General Election

A. After the Oath of Office has been administered to the newly-elected member(s), the seven (7) seated Tribal Council members, newly-elected and currently seated, shall conduct a secret ballot election among themselves for the various seats: first voting is for the President, second the Vice-President, third, Secretary, fourth, Treasurer, fifth, Sergeant-of-Arms, sixth, first Member-at-Large and lastly, the second Member-at-Large.
B. Starting with the position of President, any member may nominate another member.
C. After nominations have closed, Tribal Council members shall write their vote on a piece of paper. All paper ballots shall be collected and the names read off by the Inspector.
D. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes will be declared winner.
E. If there is a tie between nominees, there will be another immediate secret vote with only those names who are tied. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes will be declared winner. If the tie can't be broken, the nominees will draw straws with the nominee choosing the longest straw filling the seat.

F. The term for each position is based upon the year the Tribal Council member was elected. The term for each Tribal Council member is four (4) years from the year he/she was elected.

9) Article XVIII, Section 16.02 Reseating. Recall Election
Tribal Council member(s) that was/were not being recalled will stay in their original seat(s)/position(s). After the Oath of Office has been administered, the member(s) appointed or elected to fill a vacant position(s) will assume the seat, position and will finish the term of the Tribal Council member whom he/she is replacing. The newly elected Tribal Council member with the highest votes will take the position of the recalled Tribal Council member with the highest votes, and so on.

CHANGES:
1) Article II, Section 2.23 Residency
To be an eligible candidate, you must be a resident of the reservation for at least one (1) year or had resided in the Round Valley Area for at least one (1) year consecutively prior to the date of the election.

Article VII, Section 7.01(A) Eligible Voters
A. The voting age in all elections shall be set in accordance with the Constitution, which states: An enrolled tribal member who is age eighteen (18) years old or older on the date of any tribal election shall be entitled to vote in the election.
B. To vote in tribal elections, the Eligible Voter must register to vote with the Election Board using Voter Registration Form E-2. The Voter Registration Form E-2 will be available for download on the tribal website. Voter Registration Forms shall also be sent out by mail or fax prior to mailing the form through USPS.
C. Once that tribal member has registered to vote with the Election Board, and his/her name is automatically added to the Roster of Registered Voters.
D. The names of the Eligible Voters who registered to vote with the Election Board [add *Board] [delete Committee]* will become registered voters and will receive a notice from the Election Board that their name has been added to the Roster of Registered Voters.

2) Article 9.01(B) Ballots
[ADD at the end of current] "... Appendix I of this Ordinance." The layout for Form E-1 and Form F-1 ballots shall be identical except for the titles, Official Ballot and Absentee Ballot.

DELETIONS:
1) Article IV, Section 4.03(A)(1)(e) Election Board Duties on Election Day
[replaced with Article IV, Section 4.01(F)]

2) Article VII, Section 7.01(A)(2) Eligible Voter