



RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

**Recognizing the Western Washington University Office of American Indian/Alaska Native and First
Nation Relations**

WHEREAS, Western Washington University exists on the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish Peoples, who have lived in the Salish Sea basin, throughout the San Juan Islands and the North Cascades watershed, from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, Western's strategic plan articulates a commitment to pursuing justice and equity in its policies, practices and impacts, and to advancing a deeper understanding of, and engagement with place; and

WHEREAS, Western is committed to building and sustaining mutually beneficial relationships with the Coast Salish Peoples, the twenty-nine federally recognized tribes and sovereign Indian nations in Washington State, and First Nations governments throughout the Salish Sea basin, applying Western's strengths to serve the current and future needs of these communities, and valuing their partnership in the sustainable stewardship of our shared home and its natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Western is committed to advancing the academic, personal, and professional success of its indigenous students, faculty, and staff, and to creating a more inclusive campus that supports the unique experiences, cultures, and ways of knowing of Native individuals and communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University affirms and formally recognizes the historic importance of the creation of the Office of American Indian/Alaska Native and First Nation Relations, and extends a warm welcome to **LAURAL BALLEW** as the inaugural Executive Director of the Office and Tribal Relations Liaison to the President.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of Western Washington University at its meeting on April 4, 2019.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Earl W. Overstreet II".

Earl W. Overstreet II, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Meyer".

John Meyer, Secretary