## CERTIFICATION BY RATIFICATION OFFICER (Conclusion of Vote)

I, <u>Rosie Holmes</u>, Ratification Officer for Cowichan Tribes, of <u>Sooke</u>, in the Province of British Columbia, DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

I was present at the Si'em Lelum Gym located at 5574 River Road Duncan BC V9L 6V9 on the 24 day of November, 2023 when Eligible Voters of Cowichan Tribes voted in a ratification vote with respect to the Cowichan Tribes Child and Family Law, dated September 26, 2023 for (the "Ratification Vote").

- 1. I was the Ratification Officer for the Ratification Vote in accordance with the Cowichan Tribes Child and Family Law Community Ratification Process.
- 2. To the best of my knowledge, the Ratification Vote was conducted in accordance with the Cowichan Tribes Child and Family Law Community Ratification Process.
- 3. The following steps were taken to inform Eligible Voters of Cowichan Tribes of their right to participate in the Ratification Vote, the manner in which that right could be exercised, and the content of the Child and Family Law
  - Posted notice of vote on-line through the Cowichan website, in the local paper, posted at the Administration Office posted notice at the school
  - Mailed to the membership

Process:

- Hosted a series of community information sessions
- Provided online voting Nov 10, 2023-Nov 24, 2023

4.	The names of Eligible Voters were listed on the final List of Voters provided to me.		
5.	The number of Eligible Voters who voted in the Ratification Vote was		
6.	The results of the Ratification Vote are as follows:		
	<ul> <li>a. 0 Mail-in Ballots were cast in the Ratification Vote in accordance with Par 13 of the Cowichan Tribes Child and Family Law Community Ratification Process</li> <li>b. 139 in person Ballots were cast in the Ratification Vote in accordance with Parts 14 and 15 of the Cowichan Tribes Child and Family Law Community Ratification Process;</li> <li>c. 277 Electronic Votes were cast in the Ratification Vote in accordance with Part 12 of the Cowichan Tribes Child and Family Law</li> </ul>		
	Community Ratification Process; d ballots were marked as spoiled as provided in section 16.1 of the Cowichan Tribes Child and Family Law Community Ratification		
	e Ballots were rejected as provided in sections 13.12 and 16.3 of the Cowichan Tribes Child and Family Law Community Ratification		



f.	0E	Ballots were forfeited as provided in section 14.19 of the Cowichan	
	Tribes Community Child and Family Law Ratification Process;		
g.	347	Ballots were marked "YES" and counted;	
ĥ.	69	Ballots were marked "NO" and counted.	

7. **83.41** % percent of Eligible Voters who cast a vote in the Ratification Vote that was counted voted "YES" in the Ratification Vote.

8. The Ratification Vote was APPROVED

AND I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force as if made under oath and by virtue of the *Canada Evidence Act*.

DECLARED BEFORE me at the

DISTRICT of SOURE in the

Province of British Columbia, this

A Commissioner for Oaths in and for the

Province of British Columbia

Rosie Holmes Ratification Officer

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