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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

RUDY ST. GERMAIN, MICHELLE
ROBERTS, enrolled Nooksack Tribal members,

Plaintiffs,

CASE NO. C13-945RAJ

**DECLARATION OF JUDITH R.
JOSEPH**

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
INTERIOR; BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS;
SALLY JEWELL, Secretary of the Interior;
KEVIN K. WASHBURN, Assistant Secretary
of Indian Affairs; STANLEY SPEAKS,
Northwest Regional Director; SCOTT AKIN,
Acting Northwest Regional Director;
JUDITH R. JOSEPH, Superintendent for the
Puget Sound Agency,

Defendants.

I, Judith R. Joseph, declare and say:

1. I am the Superintendent for the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Puget Sound Agency. I have held this position since January 2002.
2. My office was responsible for holding the Secretarial election to allow the Nooksack tribal membership to consider whether to amend their tribal constitution. I acted as the Chairman of the Election Board. The election was held on June 21, 2013, and the Election Board certified the results on June 24, 2013.

1 3. In response to a challenge to the election filed by members of the Nooksack Tribe, my
2 supervisor, the BIA Northwest Regional Director, addressed the challenge in his decision dated
3 August 2, 2013. His decision rejected the challenge, found the amendment not contrary to
4 applicable laws, and approved the amendment. His decision was communicated to the challengers
5 and to the Nooksack Tribe.

6 4. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has completed all necessary actions with respect to this
7 Secretarial election and no further actions are contemplated by the agency.

8 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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10 Executed on this 31st day of January, 2014 at Everett, Washington.

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12 Judith R. Joseph