IN THE TULALIP TRIBAL COURT
TULALIP INDIAN RESERVATION
TULALIP, WASHINGTON

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In re:	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 2026-02
Criminal Procedures	**STANDING ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR PREFILING DIVERSION AGREEMENTS**

1. **Rescission.** This order hereby rescinds Administrative Order 2024-06.
2. **Purpose**. This standing order is issued to accommodate prefiling diversion agreements between the Tulalip Tribes and persons detained for violations of Tulalip law by appointing counsel to provide legal advice regarding prefiling diversions.
3. **Policy**. The Tulalip Tribes has declared that TTC Title 2 (Tribal Justice System) and Title 3 (Criminal Offenses and Infractions) shall be construed in accordance with tribal custom and to achieve the following goals regarding criminal matters:
   - To provide for the just determination of every criminal proceeding;
   - To protect the rights of individuals;
   - To secure simplicity in procedure, fairness in administration, and the elimination of unjustifiable expense and delay; and
   - To enhance public safety on the Tulalip Reservation.

   TTC 2.05.030 (General Provisions).
4. **Prefiling Diversions.** Prefiling diversion agreements divert individuals detained for minor offenses to community supports in lieu of criminal charges being filed (which could entail prosecution and jail time). These agreements are entered between the Tulalip Tribes and the individual charged with an offense.
5. **Appointment of Counsel.** To ensure that a person is informed of their rights and understands the terms and conditions of the prefiling diversion agreement, the **Tulalip Office of Public Defense** is authorized and appointed to represent individuals offered a prefiling diversion agreement. This service is in addition to appointments under Administrative Order 2026-01 (Standing Order for the Assignment of Public Defenders).
6. **Effective Date**. This standing order is effective as of January 15, 2026, and remains in effect until specifically amended or withdrawn.

SO ORDERED THIS 15th day of January, 2026.

Christine Frausto, Interim Chief Judge

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