

RESOLUTION OF THE SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE COUNCIL
SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE
OF THE
SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE RESERVATION, NEVADA

RESOLUTION NO.: SL - 12 - 2010

TITLE: HIGHER EDUCATION GUIDELINES MANDATED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, is a modern entity of the Northern Paiute People known, in English, as Lake Trout and Wild Onion Eaters who, for thousands of years, controlled at least 2,800 square miles of land in and around Summit Lake as a tribe with sovereign, unlimited, powers and laws (customs, traditions, usages, etc.); and,

WHEREAS, in 1964, and after much consideration, the members of the Lake Trout and Wild Onion Eaters organized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984) as amended, adopting, for certain sovereign purposes, the name "Summit Lake Paiute Tribe" with a tribal constitution titled "Articles of Association," the latter which was approved by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior on January 8, 1965; and,

WHEREAS, over time the members of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe have regained a small fraction of their historic land base, including the Tribe's reserved lands (Reservation), and the Indian allotments outside the Reservation boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe's Articles of Association grant to the Summit Lake Paiute Council (see Article II, Section 1) certain sovereign powers, including the power to seek funding from federal agencies like the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), through Public Law 93-638 Contracts to improve the welfare and education of tribal members (see generally Article II, Section 1 (b)), and to carry out those powers (see Article II, Section 1(k)); and,

WHEREAS, the term of office for the last combined Higher Education/Enrollment Committee expired on December 31, 2009 and while four tribal members applied for the three primary and one alternate position of the combined Enrollment/Higher Education Committee, for administrative reasons, the Council recently split the Committees into two separate Committees by the Council; and,

WHEREAS, no tribal members have responded to the Council's notice seeking tribal members to nominate themselves for the Higher Education Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Higher Education Guidelines stated deadline for apply for Fall Semester Higher Education Contract funding is July 15 of each year; and,

WHEREAS, only one tribal member has submitted a complete Higher Education Scholarship Application and all the necessary documents seeking funding for the first time, and her University's Financial Aid Officer has identified her Total Unmet Need as \$11,732 for two next semesters (August 23, 2010 to January 9, 2011 and January 10, 2011 to May 15, 2011), or \$5,866 each semester; and,

WHEREAS, the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe Education Guidelines state:

IV. AWARDS

- A. Funding amounts vary from year to year. Awards will be based on the amount of funding available, the number of applicants, and the number of credits enrolled.
- B. The scholarship amounts will be decided upon every semester by the Council and set in a Resolution, depending on number of applicants and funding availability. . . .

; and,

WHEREAS, helping tribal members obtain a college degree is a primary goal of this Council; and,

WHEREAS, making the tribal member wait for funding after her semester starts on August 23, where she has done everything required by the Tribe's Higher Education Guidelines, while the Tribe waits for more tribal members to reply to the notice to nominate themselves for the combined Higher Education/Enrollment Committee seems unfair especially given the economy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council hereby sets the scholarship amount for the one (1) tribal member student's unmet semester needs at \$5,866.00 per semester, and that the payments shall be made in accordance with the Tribe's Higher Education Guidelines.

CERTIFICATION

I, JERRI LYNN BARLESE, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Council, hereby certify that the above Resolution, No. SL - 12 - 2010, was brought before the Summit Lake Paiute Council at a duly held meeting on the 7th day of August, 2010, with a quorum present, and that the following votes were cast to enact the Resolution: 4 For, 0 Against; and 0 Abstaining, with the Council Chairman presiding but not voting because there was no tie vote, and that this Resolution has not been rescinded, revoked or amended.

August 7, 2010
Date


Jerri Lynn Barlese, Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Paiute Council