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

RESOLUTION NO.: SL –07–2014

TITLE: **Governing 2015 Election Procedures**

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 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 Eater organized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reservation 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 "Article of Association," the latter which was approved by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior on January 8, 1965; 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 improve the welfare and education of tribal members and to take such action as is necessary to carry into effect any of the Council's powers and duties (see Article II, Section 1(k)); and,

WHEREAS; the Article of Association, Article IV, Section 2,authorize the Summit Lake Paiute Council to prescribe election regulations with respect to the dates thereof; and,

WHEREAS; the Council is authorized under Article II, Section 1(j) of the Articles of Association to determine its own rules of procedure; and,

WHEREAS; the Council has approved and amended an Council Election Code that states in Chapter 3, Section 3.02.030 (as amended by Resolution No. SL-01-97 (January 18, 1997) that "Summit Lake Paiute Council general elections shall occur on the third Saturday in May of each election year, unless authorized by a Council resolution"; and,

WHEREAS; the Council Election Code declares that the "polling place for all general Council elections shall be the tribal office on the Summit Lake Indian

Reservation" (see Chapter 3.07 (Election Polling Places), Section 3.07.010, Council Election Code); and

WHEREAS; the address of the Tribe's Administrative Office, also known as the Primary Administrative Office, is 1708 H Street, Sparks, NV 89431; and

WHEREAS; in the event that five (5) candidate names are not submitted but more than three (3) are submitted, the Elections shall proceed and the incumbents shall follow the Articles VI, Section 1 of the Articles of Association, and the Council election Code, Chapter 3.04, to appoint the vacant positions; and

WHEREAS; the Council hereby declares that the Council Elections will be conducted on the third Saturday of May 16, 2015, on the Summit Lake Reservation, at the tribal office; and

WHEREAS; the Council hereby declares, in accordance with the Articles of Association and the Council Election Code as amended, that the following dates shall control the 2015 Council Elections; and

WHEREAS; the Council hereby declares, May 16, 2015 Election Day in accordance with the Articles of Association and the Council Election Code, as amended, and that, 3.01.030 Policy, is to ensure that all elections of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe are conducted in a fair and impartial manner; and

WHEREAS; the Council hereby declares in accordance with the Article of Association and the Council Election Code as amended, that 3.02.050 Preparation of Ballots, The Council shall, by resolution declare by what date ballots shall be prepared, and

WHEREAS; that 3.02.080 Duties of the Secretary-Treasurer, It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to supervise the preparation of the format for use in Council elections and to furnish a report of all elections to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Nevada Agency, and

WHEREAS; the Council hereby declares that the Council Elections adhere to Ordinance No. VI Governing all elections of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, Summit Lake Tribal Code Title 3 Elections, and the following dates shall control the 2015 Council Elections:

1. 2015 Election procedures, preparation of formats for use shall start effective **12/1/2014** supervised by the Secretary-Treasurer, i.e., Notices to tribal members of; 2015 Election, Election Committee flyer, preparation of ballots, election method and forms, etc…

2. Eligible Tribal Voters Can Begin to Request Absentee Ballots:
   Monday, January 19, 2015.

3. Registration of Voters Who Wish to Use Absentee Ballots:
   Monday, January 19 – Friday, March 6, 2015.

4. Deadline for Tribal Members to Request Absentee Ballots:
   5:00 p.m., Friday, March 6, 2015.

5. Review Election Committee member names submitted for Council decision and notification to member selected:
   February 21, 2015

6. Election Committee first meeting at Tribe's Administration Office for orientation and preparation of ballots after February 21, 2015 (date to be decided).

7. Candidates Get Declaration of Their Intent to Seek Office to the Tribe's Administrative Office:
   Monday, January 19 – Friday, March 6, 2015
   The Council Election Code states "The Notice of Candidacy shall consist of a simple statement that the named person is seeking election for a position on the Summit Lake Paiute Council. The signature of the person seeking election in the Notice of Candidacy shall be notarized." See Section 3.02.040(b).

8. Deadline for Candidates to Declare Their Intent to Seek Office:
   12 Noon, Friday, March 6, 2015.

9. Election Committee Mails Absentee Ballots to Tribal Members Who Have Requested a Ballot by the Deadline
   Effective start after March 6, 2015

10. Candidates Can have Campaign Materials Mailed by Tribe to Tribal Members:
    Start Monday, March 2 – Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

11. Deadline for Campaign Materials to arrive at Tribe's Administrative Office for Tribe to Mail to Tribal Members:
    4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 31, 2015.
    Tribal Employees will mark all envelopes containing late delivered campaign materials as "Return to Sender" and have U.S. Post Office return materials to sender.

12. Deadline for Tribal Members to Return Absentee Ballots to Tribe's Primary Administrative Office and Date Election Committee Comes to View Number of Absentee Ballots Received by Tribe at Tribe's Primary Administrative Office and Secures Same at the Tribe's Primary Administrative Office:
    4:30 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2015.

13. Deadline by Which Election Committee Transports Absentee Ballots to arrive at tribal office, on the Summit Lake Reservation:
    8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 16, 2015.

14. Council Election Day at the tribal office on the Summit Lake Reservation starts:
    9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, May 16, 2015

15. The Election Shall End at:
    3:00 p.m., Saturday, May 16, 2015.

16. The Election Committee Shall Begin Counting All Ballots at the tribal office, on the Summit Lake Reservation, start:
    3:15 p.m., Saturday, May 16, 2015.
    and Give Public Notice of Council Election Results after final counts:

17. Council Members Shall be Installed by Taking Oath of Office at Tribe's Administrative Office:
    2:00 p.m., Monday, May 18, 2015.

WHEREAS; the Council hereby declares in accordance with the Election Code, 3.06.010, Election Committee; Creation; Term of Office, The Council may create an Election Committee to complete the Council Election. If an election committee is created it shall be done by resolution with a specified period identified as the term of office, and

WHEREAS; the Council hereby declares to create an Election Committee to coordinate with the Secretary-Treasurer to organize themselves in a manner that someone chairs meetings and another person takes Minutes and presents them to the Council within five (5) days of a meeting; equip and make ready for the polling place, count ballots and absentee ballots, make secure, etc… The Election Committee shall consist of 3 to 5 members, and

WHEREAS; the Council hereby declares the term of office for an Election Committee to start effective February 21, 2015 through May 31, 2015

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Summit Lake Paiute Council hereby declares that the above dates shall control the 2015 Summit Lake Paiute Council Elections and the actions of the Election Committee Members.

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I, **Elizabeth DeLaLuz, Secretary/Treasurer** of the Summit Lake Paiute Council, hereby certify that the above Resolution No. **SL – 07 - 2014** was brought before the Summit Lake Paiute Council at a duly held meeting on the **18** day of **October , 2014** , with **5** members of the Tribal Council present, constituting a quorum, with the following votes to enact Resolution No. **SL - 07 - 2014** ; **4 FOR**, **0 AGAINST**, and **0 ABSTAINING**; with the Tribal Chairman presiding and not voting, this Resolution has not been rescinded, revoked or amended.

Oct. 18, 2014
Date

Elizabeth DeLaLuz, Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Paiute Tribe