

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

RESOLUTION NO.: SL – 35 - 2008

TITLE: Amending the Tribe’s Travel Policy to Require Prior Approval on All Travel

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 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 negotiate with federal agencies like the Bureau of Indian Affairs to improve the welfare and education of tribal members (see Article II, Section 1 (b), (k)); and,

WHEREAS, the Tribe has a Travel Policy which allows travel without authorization as long as that travel is not “extensive” (see Travel Policy at page 1 (originally adopted August 22, 1987)); and,

WHEREAS, the Tribe’s Travel Policy defines “extensive” as “travel of duration which exceeds three (3) days and three (3) nights” (see Travel Policy (same paragraph)); and,

WHEREAS, the Tribe’s auditors are concerned about the potential of abuse of such a liberal travel policy; and,

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