

RESOLUTION
of the
GOVERNING BODY
of the
SHOSHONE-PAIUTE TRIBES
of the
DUCK VALLEY INDIAN RESERVATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2007-SPR-081

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BUSINESS COUNCIL OF THE SHOSHONE-PAIUTE TRIBES,

WHEREAS, This organization is an Indian Organization known as the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation defined under the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, as amended, to exercise certain rights of home rule and to be responsible for the promotion of economic and social welfare of its tribal members; and

WHEREAS, In 1977 the Indian Claims Commission awarded the "Western Shoshone Identifiable Group" their court adjudicated award, and

WHEREAS, The overwhelming majority of the tribally enrolled Western Shoshones in two referendum held in 1998 (96% in favor) and in 2002 (91% in favor with 65% of officially enrolled Shoshones voting across seven Shoshone reservations) supported the distribution, and subsequently

WHEREAS, Public Law 108-270, "The Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act", was passed in the One Hundred Eighth Congress of the United States of America and approved by President George Bush on July 7, 2004, and

WHEREAS, Within the Shoshone-Paiute Tribal Membership there are eligible beneficiaries of P.L. 108-270, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes demand the expeditious conclusion of the intent of P.L. 108-270 in doing what the law requires for the benefit of the Western Shoshone people.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the Shoshone-Paiute Business Council is composed of 6 Council Members whom 4 constituting a quorum and a Chairman were present at a meeting held on the 12th day of March, 2007, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST and 0 ABSTENTIONS pursuant to the authority contained in Article VI, Section I(d), of the Constitution of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes approved April 20, 1936.


KYLE PRIOR, Tribal Chairman


ANGELE SMITH, Executive Secretary

DUCKWATER SHOSHONE TRIBE

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RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE DUCKWATER SHOSHONE TRIBE

RESOLUTION 07-D-14

WHEREAS, the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe is organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, as amended, to exercise certain rights of home rule and be responsible for the general welfare of its membership; and

WHEREAS, in 1977 the Indian Claim Commission awarded the "Western Shoshone Identifiable Group" their court adjudicated award, and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of the tribally enrolled Western Shoshones in two referendums held in 1998 (96% in favor) and in 2002 (91% in favor with 65% of officially enrolled Shoshones voting across seven Shoshone reservations) supported the distribution, and subsequently

WHEREAS, Public Law 108-270, "The Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act", was passed in the One Hundred Eighth Congress of the United States of America and approved by the President George Bush on July 7, 2004, and

WHEREAS, the Western Shoshone Claims is the only remaining major disbursement in Nevada Indian tribes- the Washoe, the Northern Paiute and the Southern Paiute having been apportioned over 30 years ago, and

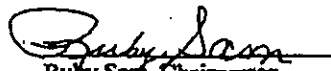
WHEREAS, the Western Shoshone Claims is the last of the Shoshone tribes in the United States (the Eastern Shoshone, Northwestern Shoshone, Shoshone/Bannocks, Lemhi Shoshone and the Goshute Shoshones) to be issued with the others concluding between 1964 and 1974, and

WHEREAS, within the Duckwater Shoshone tribal membership there are eligible beneficiaries of P.L. 108-270, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe supports the expeditious conclusion of the intent of P.L. 108-270 in doing what the law requires for the benefit of the Western Shoshone people.

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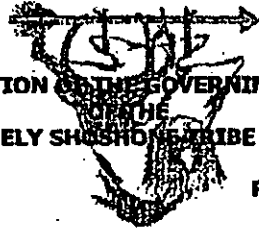
I, the undersigned, as Chairperson of the Duckwater Shoshone Tribal Council do hereby certify that the Duckwater Tribal Council is composed of (5) members of whom 5 Constituting a quorum were present at a meeting held on the 8th day of March, 2007, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted and approved by an affirmative vote of 4 FOR 1 AGAINST and 0 ABSTENTIONS: Pursuant to the authority contained under ARTICLE VI, Section I of our Constitution and By-Laws approved November 28, 1940.


Ruby Sam, Chairperson
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe

Resolution 07-D-14

ELY SHOSHONE TRIBE

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RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

ELY SHOSHONE TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-EST-13

- WHEREAS,** Ely Shoshone Tribe is an Indian Organization, as defined under the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, as amended, to exercise certain rights of home rule and to be responsible for the promotion of economic and social welfare of its tribal membership, and governs its affairs under the Revised Tribal Constitution of May 8, 1990, and the amendments of November 3, 1999 and March 23, 2002; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1977 the Indian Claim Commission awarded the "Western Shoshone Identifiable Group" their court adjudicated award, and
- WHEREAS,** the overwhelming majority of the tribally enrolled Western Shoshones in two referendum held in 1998 (96% in favor) and in 2002 (91% in favor with 65% of officially enrolled Shoshones voting across seven Shoshone reservations) supported the distribution, and subsequently
- WHEREAS,** Public Law 108-270, "The Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act," was passed in the One Hundred Eighth Congress of the United States of America and approved by President George Bush on July 7, 2004; and
- WHEREAS,** the Western Shoshone Claims is the only remaining major disbursement of the Nevada Indian tribes – the Washoe, the Northern Palute and the Southern Palute having been apportioned over 30 years ago; and
- WHEREAS,** the Western Shoshone Claims is the last of the Shoshone tribes in the United States (the Eastern Shoshone, Northwestern Shoshone, Shoshone/Bannocks, Lemhi Shoshone, and the Goshute Shoshones) to be issued with the others concluding between 1964 and 1974; and
- WHEREAS,** within the Ely Shoshone tribal membership there are eligible beneficiaries of P.L. 108-270; and
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Ely Shoshone Tribe supports the expeditious conclusion of the Intent of P.L. 108-270 in doing what the law requires for the benefit of the Western Shoshone people.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution of the Ely Shoshone Tribal Council, composed of 5 members of whom 4 constituting a quorum were present at a **Regular Meeting** duly held on the **13th** day of **March 2007**, was adopted by the affirmative vote of 4 **-For**, 0 **-Against**, and 0 **-Abstained**; pursuant to authority contained in the Revised Constitution of the Ely Shoshone Tribe of May 8, 1990, and amendments of November 3, 1999 and March 23, 2002.



Diana Buckner
Chairwoman

ATTEST: 

Gerald Charles
Secretary/Treasurer



FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE TRIBE

Resolution No. 07-F-072

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE FALLON PAIUTE-SHOSHONE TRIBE, THE FALLON BUSINESS COUNCIL, THAT:

WHEREAS: the Fallon Business Council ("Council") is the recognized Governing Body of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe ("Tribe") and was established to exercise privileges and powers of self-government and to conserve and develop the Tribe's resources for the social and economic well-being of its members; and

WHEREAS: the Tribe, through its governing body, has the responsibility to provide for the social and economic well-being of its membership and to ensure that opportunities are available to maximize the human potential for all its members; and

WHEREAS: in 1977 the Federal Indian Claims Commission awarded the "Western Shoshone Identifiable Group" their court adjudicated award; and

WHEREAS: the overwhelming majority of tribally enrolled Western Shoshones held a referendum vote in 1998 which resulted in 98% in favor of distribution of the Western Shoshone Claims; and

WHEREAS: the overwhelming majority of tribally enrolled Western Shoshones held another referendum vote in 2002, with 85% of officially enrolled Shoshones voting across seven Shoshone reservations, which resulted in 91% in favor of distribution of the Western Shoshone Claims; and

WHEREAS: in the referendum vote of June 4, 2002, the Fallon Shoshones of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe voted 1) to support the Distribution with 272 YES votes and 7 NO votes, 2) to support one-quarter blood degree with 280 YES votes and 19 NO votes, and 3) to support the Educational Trust Fund with 178 YES votes and 103 NO votes; and

WHEREAS: subsequently, Public Law 108-270, "The Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act", was passed in the One Hundred Eighth Congress of the United States of America, and approved by President George Bush on July 7, 2004, and

WHEREAS: the Western Shoshone Claims is the only remaining major disbursement of the Nevada Indian Tribes with the Washoe, the Northern Paiute and the Southern Paiute having been apportioned over 30 years ago; and

WHEREAS: the Western Shoshone Claims is the last of the Shoshone Tribes in the United States to be issued, as the claims of the Eastern Shoshone, the

Northwestern Shoshone, the Shoshone-Bannocks, the Lemhi Shoshone, and the Goshute Shoshone were concluded between 1984 and 1974, and

WHEREAS: the Fallon Business Council has consistently supported the Western Shoshone distribution as evidenced by Tribal Resolutions 97-F-083 enacted May 27, 1997, 98-F-062 enacted April 14, 1998, and 99-F-028 enacted February 22, 1999; and


WHEREAS: the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, in representation of the second largest band of Shoshones in the state of Nevada, approve and support the Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act for the benefit of the Fallon Band of Western Shoshone who are eligible beneficiaries.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fallon Business Council recognizes Tribal Members of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe who are eligible beneficiaries of Public Law 108-270, the Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act passed in 2004; and

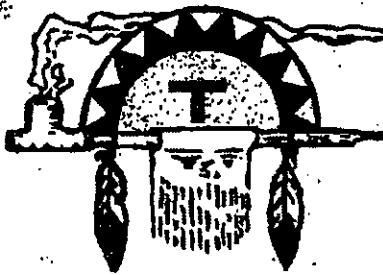
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fallon Business Council supports the expeditious conclusion of the intent of Public Law 108-270 in doing what the Law requires for the benefit of the Western Shoshone people.

CERTIFICATION

At a duly held meeting of the Governing Body of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, consisting of seven members, five of which constitute a quorum, there were 5 members present on the 13th day of March, 2007, who VOTED 5 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 0 ABSTENTION(S), in the adoption of the foregoing resolution, in accordance with the powers vested by the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe's Constitution and By-Laws.



**Laura Nihoa, Secretary
Fallon Business Council**



TE-MOAK TRIBE OF WESTERN SHOSHONE

PROCLAMATION for THE RECORD

The Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada is the umbrella for the Western Shoshone Bands of Elko, South Fork, Battle Mountain and Wells. The Elko Colony Band is the largest in terms of population and the Wells Band is the smallest. The executive and legislative powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Council known as the Tribal Council of the Te-Moak Tribe and in the Band Councils. To be enrolled in Te-Moak requires one to be at least one-quarter Shoshone. Many Shoshone people are registered on other federally recognized tribes— the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, the Ely Shoshone Tribe, the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, the Yomba Shoshone Tribe, the Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe and the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe. Only about 40% of enrolled members live within their tribal boundaries.

In 1948, U.S. President Harry Truman signed into law the "Indian Claims Commission Act." It created a judicial body before which Indian tribes could file claims against the U.S. so that they might have their "day in court" for grievances. A group of Shoshones spearheaded entry into the court in 1951. 58 years later, this action gave rise to "The Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act." The members of Te-Moak are heir to the "Act", amongst other Western Shoshones scattered across tribes in Nevada. The beneficiaries of the "Act" are the individual members of the "Western Shoshone Identifiable Group". The Te-Moak tribal government(s) is NOT a recipient of the "Act", nor is any other Indian Reorganization Tribe.

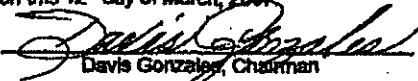
The Western Shoshone Claims is the only remaining disbursement of the three major Tribes of Nevada. The other two Tribes' claims (the Washoe Tribe and the Northern / Southern Paiute Tribes) were apportioned over 30 years ago, as well as other Shoshone Tribes in the western United States. The Te-Moak people have actively taken part in determining the direction of the Western Shoshone Claims issue - either for distributing their court award of 1977 or against. The issues of land for reservation expansion, mining, economic expansion, environmental protection, etc. continues to be explored both in concert with other businesses, city, county, and state officials and, by some, in the courts. This is expected in a democracy where opposing opinions are an everyday part of our daily lives. Controversy is settled peacefully - most often by a vote on community issues where, as a public official, one is duty bound to listen to the majority opinion. Therefore, this "Proclamation" gives recognition to the "will" of the Te-Moak people regarding the "Claims Distribution Act".

WHEREAS, In June of 2002, a straw poll vote took place on seven Shoshone reservations in Nevada, 655 Te-Moak members voted to distribute their claims award and 117 voted against, and

WHEREAS, In May of 1998, the Te-Moak on the Elko band colony amongst other tribally enrolled Shoshones in the State voted to distribute their court award 96% voted in favor, and

WHEREAS, In 1960 an official "Record of Hearing" was held and reported by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the Elko Colony with approximately 425 in attendance (following "written and oral comments" tallied) 75 were against and 197 supported distribution, and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Davis Gonzales, Chairman of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshones, do hereby acknowledge the foregoing events as having occurred on our tribal lands with little change in our enrolled members judgment over a 27 year period, the evidence of which would lead one to project the same result(s) would be true today, and, being that I do not wish to continue an on-going negative atmosphere or debate amongst our people who deserve and have the right to a peaceful existence, hereby affix my signature on this "Proclamation" on this 12th day of March, 2007.


Davis Gonzales, Chairman

Proclamation

YOMBA CLAIMS COMMITTEE

FORMAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT

- WHEREAS, the Yomba Claims Committee was established on January 1, 1996 by members of the Yomba Shoshone Tribe to participate in the Western Shoshone Tribe effort to bring finality to the long-standing stalemate of the Claims Distribution Legislation; and
- WHEREAS, the Yomba Tribal Council openly opposed the Claims Distribution legislation, against the wishes of the majority Membership; thereby this Claims Committee was established to balance that constitutional violation; and
- WHEREAS, the majority Yomba Shoshone Tribe members have always supported monetary settlement of the Western Shoshone Claims, since the inception of the litigation and as recent as the Steering Committee's straw pole votes of May 1998 and June 2002, where 96% and 98% respectively, voted in favor of monetary distribution; and
- WHEREAS, the Yomba Claims Committee has fully agreed with all aspects of the Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act PL 108-270 that specifies monetary payment at 100% to members of 1/4 blood, with a set aside Educational Fund; and
- NOW THEREFORE, I Glen Hooper, Spokesman of the Yomba Claims Committee hereby proclaim that the Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Settlement Act PL 108-270 is acknowledged to resolve the long standing claims distribution stalemate..

ATTEST THIS DAY: March 12, 2007 BY: *Betty Williams*