

# *Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council*

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**RESOLUTION NO.: PL 131-20**

RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL  
OF THE PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE  
NIXON, NEVADA

**WHEREAS**, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is organized pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act (25 U.S.C. § 476) and is federally recognized by the United States Government through the Secretary of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Constitution, Art VI, Sec (f), the Tribal Council has the authority to "administer any funds or property within the control of the tribe, to make expenditures from available funds for public purposes, including salaries or other remuneration of tribal officials or employees, such salaries or remuneration to be paid only for services actually authorized in regular and legal manner and actually rendered"; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Constitution, Art. VI Sec. 1(f) all such "expenditures shall be by resolution duly approved by a majority vote of the council, and the amounts so expended shall be a matter of public record at all times"; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Constitution, Art. VI., Sec 1(m) the Tribal Council has the authority to "adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the council itself and of other tribal agencies and tribal officials of the reservation"; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 19, 2019, a novel coronavirus now known as COVID-19 was first detected in China and has now spread globally; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak by Executive Order issued a Declaration of Emergency for the State of Nevada; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency regarding the COVID-19 virus pursuant to Sec 501(6) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020 the State of Nevada ordered the closure of all schools, grades kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the Tribal Council passed Resolution No. C03-66-20 which declared a tribal emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, the Tribal Council closed Pyramid Lake and public access to Pyramid Lake for permitted recreational activities; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the Chairman closed the Tribe's public services, such as the community center, the senior center, the museum, and childcare centers; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 27, 2020, the Tribal Council passed a motion with an effective date of May 4, 2020 to furlough at least 36 tribal government employees through July 31; and

**WHEREAS**, on 23 July, 2020, the Tribal Council passed with a resolution PL 074-20, to extend the furlough to October 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on 3 September, 2020, the Tribal Council passed a motion to extend the furlough through December 31, 2020; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council acknowledges the end of the furlough period of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and hereby extends the period of furlough to March 31, 2021

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council authorizes the Administration to sign all documents and take any necessary and proper action to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

#### CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal council, governing body of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, composed of ten members, of whom nine (9) constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly held on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2020, was adopted by the affirmative vote of six (6) FOR and two (2) AGAINST, with zero (0) ABSTENTIONS; pursuant to the authority contained in the Constitution and By-laws of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

  
Brenda A. Henry, Tribal Council Secretary  
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council