

# *Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council*

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## ***PROCLAMATION by the PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE***

### ***STAND AGAINST ILLEGAL DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND OPIOID ADDICTION AND ITS DISTRIBUTION ON THE PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE RESERVATION***

**WHEREAS**, for thousands of years, Numu lived throughout the western Great Basin free from unnatural materials, and Numu traditional customs and a cultural life-way maintained and secured the cultural continuity from time immemorial to present day; and

**WHEREAS**, Numu lifestyles and customary practices changed over time, especially with the settlement of western civilization throughout Numu territory that forced widespread trauma with non-traditional intentions; and

**WHEREAS**, the lands surrounding Pyramid Lake were set aside on November 29, 1859 for the purpose as the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation where the Numu conformed a new way of life as a means of survival by adjusting to the mainstream dominant society and government authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is federally recognized and organized pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (25 U.S.C. § 476) affirmed by the Secretary of Interior through the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe knows that the addiction to alcohol, illegal drug use, and opioid abuse each collectively and separately destroys the lives of people, it destroys families, it traumatizes youth, and it forever alters the lifeway of our native community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe recognizes the detrimental impact for the distribution of illegal drugs to members of our tribal community with no regard or remorse for the impact it has upon our native families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe recognizes that education services for youth and adults about illegal drug use, alcohol and opioid addiction is an important fact of life to instruct our community members about the health risks and dangers associated with the short-term and long-term effects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe recognizes that new born babies that are addicted to illegal drugs, opiates (prescriptive drugs), and with fetal alcohol syndrome and that there has to be restitution and persons held responsible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe knows that the methamphetamine production waste products are deadly toxic to the physical surroundings where it is discarded and the contamination causes toxic exposure to residential households; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe recognizes that residents, neighbors, and relatives are fearful of retaliation by illegal drug users and illegal drug distributors for reporting drug use and drug distribution activities in our Tribal communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe recognizes that professional treatment includes building personal skills, counseling services and treatment for drug induced psychosis and other drug induced mental disorders to reduce and eliminate potential dependency on prescribed medication; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is reliant on the Bureau of Indian Affairs contract funding for law enforcement detention facility services and for juvenile detention facility services, from which is not suitable to meeting the needs with adequately protecting our tribal communities and tribal members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe desires to have jurisdiction over with the criminal investigative responsibility and for the complete criminal jurisdiction over matters involving illegal drugs, opioids, and alcohol addiction because the Bureau of Indian Affairs lack any ability to effectively support the stand against criminal activity on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe acknowledges that its judiciary structure and its administrative organization requires a sufficient means for effective enforcement and implementation of its judicial services, including but not limited to sentencing, criminal reporting, and criminal adjudication; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe recognize that the following professional services and Tribal programming is needed:

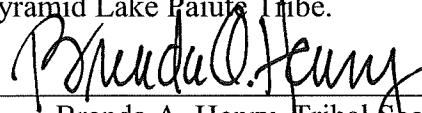
- Professional facilities in each Tribal community
- Intervention with short-term and long-term recovery services
- Psychological professionals
- Traditional and cultural programming for adults and youth
- Family wellness
- Suicide prevention for adults and youth with support statistics and analysis
- Adult and juvenile detention facilities with statistics and support analysis
- Detoxification centers
- Mental wellness and treatment
- Traditional and cultural practice and treatment
- Toxic and hazardous waste identification and cleanup
- Secret witness and reporting priority to protect Tribal members
- Statistical data and analysis of methamphetamine usage, outpatient statistics, distribution sources in our communities from within the reservation and from outside of the reservation

**NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED**, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe hereby declares it shall use its authority and resources to eliminate the use of and abuse of alcohol and opioids, the use of and abuse of illegal drugs and its distribution on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe shall develop its governmental and administrative resources to establish zero tolerance with the use and abuse of alcohol, illegal drugs and opioids along with the distribution of the same on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation.

## CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that this Proclamation of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council, governing body of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, composed of ten members, of whom ten (10) constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2020 was adopted by the affirmative vote of nine (9) for and zero (0) against, with zero (0) abstention; pursuant to the authority contained in the Constitution and By-laws of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.



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