

# *Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council*

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**RESOLUTION NO.: PL 138-18**

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

## *Authorizes the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Participation in a Nationwide Elder Needs Assessment*

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

**WHEREAS,** Long-term care, a category that includes health promotion, home health services, personal care, housekeeping assistance, home delivered meals, skilled nursing care, assisted living, and other in-home services, is an emerging unmet need in Indian Country; and

**WHEREAS,** Three National Resource Centers (North Dakota, Alaska and Hawaii) have been awarded grants through the Administration on Aging, Department of Health & Human Services, to collaborate and provide technical assistance on the health and social needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elderly and assist these groups in conducting a needs assessment which is a requirement of their AoA grant; and

**WHEREAS,** The needs assessment is designed to yield information on the following Native elder health care needs:

- General Health Status
- Activities of Daily Living
- Visual, Hearing, and Dental
- Tobacco and Alcohol Use
- Nutrition, Exercise and Excess Weight
- Social Support, Housing, and Work

**WHEREAS,** In addition to providing technical assistance, the three National Resource Centers on Native Aging are required, by the Older Americans Act, to perform research and disseminate the results of the research, and

**WHEREAS,** The Three National Resource Centers on Native Aging are asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement, to identify the needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elders nationwide, in which the resource centers and the Tribe/consortium will each assume responsibilities;

### What the Resource Center will provide:

- Needs assessment instruments
- Assistance in sampling
- Training of interviewers
- Consultation with interviewers via email or telephone

- Data entry and analysis
- Data storage
- Production of tables and comparisons with national statistics

What each Tribe/consortium will provide:

- A Tribal Resolution documenting participation in the Native elder social and health needs assessment as applicable
- A list of elders to interview
- Interviewers or volunteers to conduct the survey
- Interpretation of the results with local input
- Development of recommendations for actions
- Dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and health officials


**WHEREAS,** Summary information from your needs assessment, along with a national comparison report from all the needs assessments, will be returned to the governing council and to the local contact person; and

**WHEREAS,** The confidentiality of enrolled members and Tribal/consortium information is of the utmost importance; therefore, the information in this needs assessment will be collected anonymously by tribal members with the information stored at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of ten years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Tribal Council of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe hereby authorizes participation in the most current *Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders*. The Tribal Council grants permission to the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analyses of the data. Further, be it resolved that specific information collected within the boundaries of the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation belongs to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies, or organizations without tribal authorization.

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 ten (10) constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2018 was adopted by the affirmative vote of nine (9) for and zero (0) against zero (0) abstentions, 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