Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council

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RESOLUTION NO.: PL 031-19

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, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, pursuant to Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-laws of the Tribe,
- WHEREAS, Volkswagen Corporation evaded emissions testing, including emissions testing conducted within Washoe County, Nevada, on its diesel vehicles in he 2010s.
- **WHEREAS**, the United States of American and many States entered into a legal settlement with Volkswagen.
- WHREAS, Volkswagen is required to spend monies on technology that reduces emissions (new diesel engines; alternative fuel vehicle adoption; alternative fuel vehicle fueling/charging stations) as a condition of the settlement.
- **WHREAS,** \$55 million is reserved for Indian Tribes under the terms and conditions of the settlement agreement.
- WHEREAS, this is the 2nd year of a five year funding cycle.
- WHEREAS, this funding does not require matching funds.
- WHEREAS, Vehicle replacement and retrofitting needs have been identified in the Public Utilities and Parks and Recreation Departments.
- **WHEREAS**, the Tribe may only apply for Volkswagen Settlement Funds if it is designated a beneficiary by the court.
- **WHEREAS**, if the Tribe is designated as a beneficiary, it can apply for additional funds in years 3, 4, and 5 of the settlement.

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- WHEREAS, 15% of the funding available as part of the settlement agreement may be used on administrative (indirect) costs.
- **WHEREAS,** The deadline for submitting a letter to be designated a beneficiary is March 18, 2019.
- WHEREAS, The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe will be invited to develop a comprehensive plan that is also an application for funding if it is designated a beneficiary of the settlement under the agreement.
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council hereby approves staff to develop, and the Chairman to sign, all documents needed to submit an application for beneficiary status.

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 <u>ten (10)</u> constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly held on the <u>15th</u> day of <u>March</u>, 2019 was adopted by the affirmative vote of <u>eight (8)</u> FOR and <u>zero (0)</u> AGAINST, with <u>one (1)</u> ABSTENTIONS; pursuant to the authority contained in the Constitution and By-laws of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

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