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# Burns Paiute Tribe

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## BURNS PAIUTE TRIBE

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RESOLUTION NO: 2017-03

### **Formal recognition of the State of Emergency of the Wadatika Dialect of the Northern Paiute Language, and Commitment to Preserve and Revitalize our Traditional Language.**

WHEREAS, the Burns Paiute Tribe ("Tribe") is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe and has adopted a Tribal Constitution ("Constitution") designating the Burns Paiute Tribal Council ("Council") as the elected governing body of the Burns Paiute Reservation; And

WHEREAS, the Council ("Council") is authorized to act on behalf of the Tribe pursuant to Section 1(s) to take any and all actions necessary and proper for the exercise of powers and duties delegated to or vested in the Tribal Council; And,

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that the Wadatika Band dialect of the Northern Paiute language is in a "state of emergency" due to the dwindling number of fluent speakers, And,

WHEREAS, preserving our traditional language is integral to preserving our Indigenous knowledge, and is essential to addressing challenges facing our community today; And

WHEREAS, in addition to creating fluency, tribal language immersion programs have been shown to promote higher academic success for students who participate in their Native language immersion programs compared to their Native peers who do not participate in these programs; And,

WHEREAS, in our Burns Paiute Strategic Plan, our tribal community voted and ranked tribal language preservation and revitalization as one of the highest issues of importance for the Tribe; And,

WHEREAS, the Burns Paiute Tribal Council affirms the need of our tribal administration, tribal staff, and Tribal Council to promote the use of our traditional language in the day-to-day communications of staff, and between staff and community members and clients; And,

WHEREAS, the Burns Paiute Tribal Council recognizes the need to take immediate and concerted effort toward additional language preservation and revitalization efforts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Burns Paiute Tribal Council calls for the implementation of practices to promote the use of our traditional language in the day-to-day communications of staff, Tribal Council, and between staff, Tribal Council, and the tribal community; And,

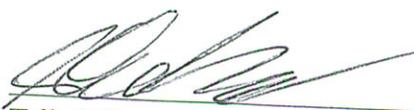
NOW LET IT BE FURTHERED RESOLVED that the Burns Paiute Tribal Council calls for the implementation of capacity building in a newly established Burns Paiute Language Program to be managed and coordinated by the Culture and Heritage Department in coordination and collaboration with other tribal departments and entities; And,

NOW LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Burns Paiute Tribal Council calls for the development of a Language Plan to support short, medium range, and long term goals of language preservation and revitalization; And,

NOW LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Burns Paiute Tribal Council calls for the Culture & Heritage Department to seek funding to support language preservation and Revitalization efforts of the Burns Paiute Tribe.

### CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer of the Burns Paiute Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, that a quorum was present at a meeting thereof duly and regularly called, noticed, convened, and held on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2017, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by 5 ( ) affirmative votes, with 0 ( ) opposing, and 0 ( ) abstaining. The Chairperson's vote is not required except in the case of a tie.

  
Tribal Council Chairperson

Date: 2-2-17

  
Tribal Council Secretary-Treasurer

Date: 2/2/17