Resolution of the Summit Lake Paiute Council Summit Lake Paiute Tribe Of The

Summit Lake Paiute Reservation, Nevada

Resolution Number SL-12-2021

Title:

Disbarment of individual who served on Council from May 21, 2012 – August 13, 2014 from engaging in business of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe.

WHEREAS,

the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe is organized pursuant to Section 16 of Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984) as amended, with the Articles of Association, and approve by the Secretary of the Interior on January 8, 1965, granting certain powers to the Summit Lake Paiute Council (see Article II, Section 1) to include determining its own rules of procedures (see Section 1(J) and to take such actions as are necessary to carry into effect any of the foregoing powers and duties (see Section 1(k); and

WHEREAS,

the Summit Lake Paiute Council has the responsibility for the general welfare of its tribal membership (see Article II, Section 1(b)) including management of tribal assets (see Article II, Section 1(c)); and

WHEREAS,

the Summit Lake Paiute Council is duly constituted governing body within the boundaries of the Summit Lake Paiute Reservation; and

WHEREAS,

2021 Election Committee requested a Special Meeting for February 15, 2021, to present findings to Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council regarding a declaration of intent to seek office 2021. Findings regarding person seeking office, Jerri Lynn Barlese, were found to be an ineligible candidate.

WHEREAS,

Tribal Member, Jerri Lynn Barlese, submitted a notarized letter October 26, 2020 indicating that she was an eligible candidate for the 2021 Summit Lake Tribal Council Elections.

WHEREAS,

after 2021 Election Committee reviewed Special Council Meeting held August 13, 2014 regarding "motion to remove Council Member Jerri Lynn Barlese immediately as a Council Member and stated Jerri Lynn Barlese must be held accountable for the offences stated by the Chairwoman for Misconduct, Abuse

of Power/Position, Violating Chain of Command numerous times, Neglect of Duty, Unethical Behavior, Seeking Financial Favors from Finance and that she should never be allowed an opportunity to repeat same acts by serving as Tribal Representative, Employee, or Council Member in the future. Per administrative policy, Section 3: Prohibited Conduct: Penalty; Council Secretary/Treasurer Elizabeth DeLaLuz read that "Any member of the Summit Lake Paiute Council who violates the above ethical standards shall, if found to have violated the provisions of Section 2, be removed from office in accordance with Article VI of the Articles of Association of the Summit Lake Paiute and shall be barred from seeking office for a period of six (6) years." Council Vice-Chairwoman Delgadina Gonzalez seconds the motion. Council Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called for vote 3 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED. Motion passed at 7:07 pm.

- WHEREAS, the Articles of Association supersedes the administrative policy.
- WHEREAS, it was noted that Jerri Lynn Barlese was voted in to council May 21, 2012, and served as Council Member until removed from office August 13, 2014 per minutes found.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Council approved in response to the findings, which authorized the 2021 Election Committee to disqualify Jerri Lynn Barlese, to seeking office 2021 for not being Eligible to Hold Office for being found guilty of Misconduct, Abuse of Power/Position, Violating Chain of Command numerous times, Neglect of Duty, Unethical Behavior, Seeking Financial Favors from Finance. Per Council Election Code, Chapter 3.02, General Council Election Procedures, Section 3.02.020 Eligibility to Hold Office: "as a former Council Member never committed neglect of duty or gross misconduct in office (Article VI, Section 2, Articles of Association)."
- served on Council from May 21, 2012 August 13, 2014, from ever seeking election to the Council, influencing government officials of the Tribe, or participating in any government or business activity of or on behalf of the Tribe, for acts of gross misconduct and neglect of duty including attendance of meetings or seeking employment with the Tribe; Per being found guilty of misdemeanor while being on Council as a Council Member. Per Council Election Code, Chapter 3.02, General Council Election Procedures, Section 3.02.020 Eligibility to Hold Office: "as a former Council Member never committed neglect of duty or gross misconduct in office (Article VI, Section 2, Articles of

Association)" and per Articles of Association, Article VI-Vacancies and Removal, Section 2. "may expel any member of the Summit Lake Paiute Council for neglect of duty or gross misconduct in office;" and,

- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** disbarment of individual who previously served on the Council from May 21, 2012-August 13, 2014 does not waive the Tribe's sovereignty to seek damages; and,
- BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the action to disqualify and disbarred Jerri Lynn Barlese who was previously removed from Council on August 13, 2014 due to neglect and misconduct is ineligible to serve on Council as Council Election Code Section 3.02.020 "Eligibility to Serve" states a former Council Member never committed neglect of duty or gross misconduct in office. This determination cannot be appealed.
- I, Eugene Mace Sr, Secretary/Treasurer, of the Summit Lake Paiute Council, hereby certify that the above Resolution: <u>SL-12-2021</u> was brought for the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council at a duly held meeting on the 15th day of February, 2021 with <u>5</u> members of the Tribal Council present, constituting a quorum, with the following votes to enact Resolution Number SL-12-2021; <u>4</u> FOR, <u>0</u> AGAINST, and <u>0</u> ABSTAIN; with the Tribal Chairman presiding and not voting, this Resolution has not been rescinded, revoked or amended.

02/15/2021

Date

Eugene Mace Sr,

Secretary/Treasure

Summit Lake Tribal Council