

**RESOLUTION OF THE SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE COUNCIL
SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE
OF THE
SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE RESERVATION, NEVADA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: SL-20-2024

TITLE: Disqualification of Celina Gonzalez due to disenrollment/removal from Tribal Council from the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe November 19, 2016, via Resolution SL-12-2016

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 approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 08, 1965, granting certain powers to the Summit Lake Paiute Council (see Article II, Section 1) to include determining its own rules of procedure (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 the duly constituted governing body within the boundaries of the Summit Lake Paiute Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Summit Lake Council approved by majority vote Resolution SL-12-2016; Disenrollment of Celina Gonzalez with 2 FOR, 1 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINING and the Chairperson not voting; and

WHEREAS, the Summit Lake Council details the Articles of Association, Enrollment Procedure Ordinances enacted by Resolutions SL-17-89 and amended by Resolution SL-29-99 prescribes procedures to act on enrollment matters; and

WHEREAS, disenrollment is addressed in Article V of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe Enrollment Procedure Ordinance, wherein Section 1(a) states the Summit Lake Paiute Council shall disenroll any person who obtained membership rights by fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation; and

WHEREAS, the Summit Lake Council Resolution details on June 20, 2015, the Summit Lake Paiute Council passed Resolution SL-08-2015 to approve enrollment for Celina Gonzalez under the pretense that she met the required blood quota of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe; and

WHEREAS, on several occasions beginning in October 2015, the Summit Lake Council was challenged by members of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe on the process to approve enrollment applications. At several Council meetings, including November 21, 2015, and February 20, 2016, it was disclosed during discussions on enrollment that Celina Gonzalez did not meet the minimum blood quota to be a member of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Celina Gonzalez was appointed for Summit Lake Paiute Tribal council fraudulently, as she knew she did not meet the blood quota to be an enrolled tribal member of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe and election code to hold a seat as a tribal council member; and

WHEREAS, Celina Gonzalez applied for and accepted Higher Education monies fraudulently, as she knew she did not meet the blood quota to be an enrolled tribal member of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe. Funds provided by Bureau of Indian Affairs and approved via Resolutions SL-12-2015 in the amount of \$2,509, SL-01-2016 in the amount of \$1,616 and Resolution SL-09-2016 in the amount of \$434 for a grand total of \$4,559 that was accepted fraudulently; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The Summit Lake Council confirmed that Celina Gonzalez was enrolled by error as she did not possess at least one-fourth degree Paiute Indian Blood as prescribed in the Articles of Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Celina Gonzalez was serving on the Summit Lake Paiute Council and accepted Federal Funds for Higher Education with the personal knowledge that she did not meet the minimum qualifications to be an enrolled member of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe and had to be immediately removed from the Summit Lake Paiute Council and the membership roll of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Council hereby disqualifies and disbars Celina Gonzalez from ever seeking election to the Council, voting for the election, influencing government officials of the Tribe, participating in any government or business activity on behalf of the Tribe, from ever attending any meetings, seeking or obtaining employment with the tribe due to acts of fraud, deceit and misrepresentation which are punishable by law; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the action to disqualify and disbar Celina Gonzalez who previously served on the Council from 2015 – November 19, 2016, for acts of fraud, deceit, and misrepresentation. This decision cannot be appealed and is deemed necessary to protect the future of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe from any further fraud, deceit or misrepresentation that could be committed by Celina Gonzalez.

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I, Eugene Mace Sr., Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Council, hereby certify that the above Resolution Number: **SL-20-2024** was brought before the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council at a duly held meeting on the **29th of April, 2024**, with members of the Tribal Council present, constituting a quorum, with the following votes to enact Resolution Number **SL-20-2024**; 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 2 ABSTAIN; with the Tribal Chairwoman presiding and not voting, this Resolution has not been rescinded, revoked, or amended.

04/29/2024

Date

E J Mace

Eugene Mace Sr.
Secretary/Treasurer