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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Tribal Government Services

JAN 31 2020



Honorable Randi DeSoto
Chairwoman, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
1001 Rock Boulevard
Sparks, Nevada 89431

Dear Chairwoman DeSoto:

The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe (Tribe) submitted a request on April 25, 2019, for the Secretary of the Interior to call and conduct a Secretarial election to amend the Articles of Association of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe (Articles of Association). By Resolution No. SL-14-2019, the Tribe submitted one proposed amendment. The request proposed to amend Article III – Membership, Section 1. (c), of the Tribe’s Articles of Association.

The Secretarial election was authorized to the Superintendent, Western Nevada Agency, to call and conduct the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe’s Secretarial election by memorandum dated September 27, 2019. The Secretarial election, conducted by mail out ballot, concluded on December 18, 2019.

As evidenced by the Certificate of Results of Election, signed by the Secretarial Election Board Members on December 18, 2019, the proposed **Amendment A** was adopted by a vote of 20 for and 9 against and 0 cast ballots found to be spoiled in an election in which at least 30 percent of the 29 registered voters cast their ballot.

There were two (2) challenges to the Secretarial election results. The first challenge contested the results and process of the Secretarial election to change the membership of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe. The second challenge addressed concerns of exclusion of the Tribal membership, failure to provide reasonable timeframes to register and vote, incorrect and conflicting eligible voters list, and the Secretarial election board members only notifying select tribal members. After review, it has been determined that both challenges are denied.

Enclosed with this letter is the amendment, the original Certificate of Approval and the Certificate of Results of Election for your files. As a last note, my decision to approve these amendments are a final agency action 25 C.F.F §§81.45; 81.45(f). Pursuant to the revised Secretarial election regulations, this decision is a final agency action that is not “subject to appeal to a superior authority in the Department.” 25 C.F.R. §2.6.

If you have any further questions, please contact Sharlot Johnson, Tribal Government Officer, Sophia Torres, Tribal Government Specialist, or Karrie Quartz, Tribal Government Specialist, at (602) 379-6786.

Sincerely,



Bryan Bowker
Regional Director

cc: Superintendent, Western Nevada Agency

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CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION

Under a Secretarial election authorized by Bryan Bowker, Regional Director, Western Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, on 9/27/19 the attached Amendment A to the Articles of Association of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe was submitted to the registered voters of the tribe and on 12/18/19 duly adopted / rejected by a vote of 20 for and 9 against and 0 cast ballots found spoiled in an election in which at least 30 percent of the 29 registered voters cast their ballot in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended.



Chair of the Secretarial Election Board



Election Board Member



Election Board Member

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Date: 12/18/19

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Proposed Amendment A:

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 1.


- (c) Lineal Descendants of all persons in the above categories.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

Amendment A, to the Articles of Association of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, Nevada, which was adopted by the qualified voters of the Tribe on December 18, 2019, is hereby approved and designated as Amendment I pursuant to the authority delegated to the Secretary of the Interior by the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended and re-delegated to me under 3 IAM 4. This approval is effective as of this date; provided that nothing in the approval shall be construed as authorizing any action under this document that would be contrary to Federal Law.



Regional Director



Date