

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE  
WASHOE TRIBE OF NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA**

- WHEREAS,** the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, is organized pursuant to the Provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended, to exercise certain rights of home rule and to be responsible for the general welfare of its membership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Washoe Tribal Council and Washoe Tribal Membership are deeply concerned that the Washoe language is an endangered indigenous language and that the language is critical to our sovereignty and self-sufficiency; and
- WHEREAS,** the Washoe Language is classified as a moribund language with only a handful of fluent elder speakers and no children learning the Washoe language as the first language within the home; and
- WHEREAS,** the Washoe Tribal Council is dedicated to the renewal and revitalization of the Washoe language as is the community and our Elders who have been involved in language revitalization efforts since 1993; and
- WHEREAS,** the Washoe Tribal Council supports the continued efforts to increase capacity within the language department by building upon previous language renewal efforts by further documentation/development of resources and places/spaces where Washoe language can be spoken unabated; and
- WHEREAS,** the Administration for Native Americans is soliciting application for the Preservation and Maintenance Grant through funding to assist Native Americans to ensure the survival and vitality of Native American languages; and
- WHEREAS,** the Washoe Tribe is eligible to apply for these 2020 Administration for Native American Preservation and Maintenance with an award floor of \$100,000 and ceiling of \$300,000.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Washoe Tribal Council approves submission of a 2020 application to the Administration for Native Americans for capacity building and working towards the preservation of the language through documentation of fluent elder speakers, creation of Language Immersion materials and creation of places and spaces with the intent to develop new Washoe language speakers. The Washoe Tribe grant application will not exceed \$300,000 award ceiling per budget period under this grant opportunity for 33 months; consisting of one 9 month and two 12 month budget periods.

**CERTIFICATION**

It is hereby certified that the Washoe Tribal Council is the governing body of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California composed of twelve (12) members of whom eleven (11), constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of nine (9) for, zero (0) against, and two (2) abstentions pursuant to the authority contained in Article VI, Section 1(h) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.



Autumn Burt  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

  
Date

