RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VASHOE TRIPE OF NEVADA AND CALLEORNI

WASHOE TRIBE OF NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA

- WHEREAS, the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California is organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended, to exercise certain rights of home rule and be responsible for the general welfare of the membership; and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Interior (DOI) through the Office of Indian Economic Development (OIED) has been authorized to expend such monies as Congress may appropriate for the benefit, care and assistance of Indians; and
- WHEREAS, the DOI through the OIED has designated through the 2023 Living Languages Grant Program a one-time 3-year discretionary grant competition with \$5,676,000 total in funding available to be distributed to qualifying Tribal Nations and Tribal Organizations; and
- WHEREAS, the DOI through the OIED has determined that for the 2023 Living Languages Grant Program will primarily be focused on supporting "language immersion" projects and programs by aligning with the 10-year National Plan on Native Language Revitalization to better service the needs of Tribal Nations; and
- WHEREAS, the Washoe Tribal Council recognizes the uniqueness of the Washoe Language as a language isolate, and thus the unique needs of the Washoe Language as a moribund language as declared in State of Emergency at the July 12th, 2022 Tribal Council Meeting; and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has made funding available through the Living Languages Grant Program with an award floor of \$250,000 and ceiling of \$300,000 annually for a 3-year (36 months) funding period with no match requirement to develop programs that will meet the unique needs of the Washoe Language through immersion.
- BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WASHOE TRIBAL COUNCIL that it hereby authorizes and approves the submission of a grant application by the Culture/Language Resources Department to the Department of Interior through the Office of Indian Economic Development for the 2023 Living Languages Grant Program not to exceed the 3-year funding period or \$300,000 award ceiling annually; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Tribal Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer have authorization to sign on behalf of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California and to negotiate, extend, or amend this grant as awarded.

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 11th day of August, 2023, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) for, zero (0) against, and zero (0) 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.

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Secretary-Treasurer

Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California