

TE-MOAK TRIBE OF WESTERN SHOSHONE

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TE-MOAK TRIBE OF WESTERN SHOSHONE INDIANS OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION NO: 10-TM-34

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TE-MOAK TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE TE-MOAK TRIBE OF WESTERN SHOSHONE INDIANS OF NEVADA THAT;

WHEREAS, this organization is a recognized Indian Organization as defined under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended , and exercises rights of home rule and is responsible for the promotion of the economic and social welfare and well being of its members; and

WHEREAS, Te-Moak Tribal Council is composed of four (4) constituent Bands, Elko, Battle Mountain, South Fork and Wells; and

WHEREAS, the Te-Moak Tribe is supporting the immediate establishment and implementation of the Nevada Area Office to serve the health care needs of Nevada's Indian Tribes in a manner required by S. 1790, *"The Indian Health Care Improvement Reauthorization and Extension Act of 2009"* and signed into law by President Obama on March 23, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the membership and Executive Committee of the Indian Health Board of Nevada (IHBN) is comprised of the elected leadership of the (27) twenty-seven Tribes in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes of Nevada recognizing the need for a collective voice on health care issues established the Indian Health Board (IHBN) in 2005 to advocate on behalf of the health needs of Nevada Indians; and

WHEREAS, the IHBN has been given the responsibility and duty to identify and articulate its mission by providing needed training, education, advocacy, policy analysis, technical assistance, research and information to Nevada's Indian Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the provision of high quality health care to Tribal Members is a matter of vital concern to the Te-Moak Tribe of Nevada that is affected by the level of support provided by the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Indian Tribes have depended on the support and assistance of the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service to decrease the health care disparities and the subject of a Congressional Report in 2005; and

WHEREAS, through the advocacy efforts of IHBN on behalf of Nevada Tribes to address these health care disparities, President Obama signed S.1790 into law on March 23, 2010, that required the establishment of the Nevada Area Office and directed the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a plan for the establishment of this Office within one year from the passage of the law; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Tribes have exercised great patience and perseverance in living with these disparities for over twenty five years and now views this provision of the law as the doorway to a new and responsive health care delivery system; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Tribes have exercised great patience and perseverance without results and have lost confidence in the leadership and organizational will of the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service of its willingness to mitigate the health care disparities experienced by Nevada Indian Tribes.

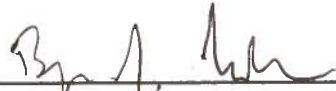
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Te-Moak Tribe with the passage of this resolution supports the establishment of a separate and new Indian Health Service Area by creating the Nevada Area Indian Health Service in addition to the existing twelve (12) Area Offices required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Te-Moak Tribe urges Nevada's Congressional Delegation to support the Nevada Tribes' request to establish a separate and new Indian Health Service Area by establishing a Nevada Area Indian Health Service with funding sufficient to operationalize the newly created Area Office comparable to other IHS Area Offices in staffing, equipment, supplies and other operation needed by supporting a recurring appropriation in the amount of \$10.5 million beginning in FY'2012 and adjustments for inflation the following years; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Te-Moak Tribe, by this action, empower and authorize the IHBN President, Vice President, and Officers of the IHBN working through the IHBN Executive Director to pursue all possible avenues and options to fulfill the intent of this resolution.

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I, the undersigned, as Chairman of the Te-Moak Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of nine (9) members of whom 8 were present at the meeting which constituted a quorum held **November 3, 2010**, and the foregoing resolution was adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTENTION pursuant to the authority of Article 4, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Te-Moak Tribe of the Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada.



Bryan Cassadore, Chairman
Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone

INVALID IF NO SEAL APPEARS BELOW:



ATTEST:



Patricia G. Stevens, Recording Secretary
Te-Moak Tribal Council