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RESOLUTION OF THE KARUK TRIBE

Resolution No: **14-R-013**
Date Approved: **February 18, 2014**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE KARUK TRIBE TO DECLARE A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND IMMINENT THREAT OF DISASTER DUE TO DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN KARUK ANCESTRAL TERRITORY, SERVICE AREAS AND ADJACENT LANDS.

WHEREAS; the Karuk Tribe is a Sovereign Aboriginal People, that have lived on their own land since long before the European influx of white men came to this continent; and

WHEREAS; the members of the Karuk Tribe have approved Article VI of the Constitution delegating to the Tribal Council the authority and responsibility to exercise by resolution or enactment of Tribal laws all the inherent sovereign powers vested in the Tribe as a Sovereign Aboriginal People, including negotiating and contracting with federal, state, Tribal and local governments, private agencies and consultants; and

WHEREAS; the members of the Karuk Tribe have approved Article VIII of the Constitution assigning duties to the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer including signing and executing all contracts and official documents pertaining to the Karuk Tribe; and

WHEREAS; the Karuk Tribe is a federally recognized Tribe and its Tribal Council is eligible to and is designated as an organization authorized to Contract pursuant to P.L. 93-638, as amended, on behalf of the Karuk Tribe; and

WHEREAS; the Karuk Tribal Council wants to protect life and property of the Karuk Tribal Members and community by mitigating the potential damage from disaster; and

WHEREAS; the Karuk Ancestral Territory, Service Area, and adjacent lands are now entering their second year of significant reduction of rain fall; and

WHEREAS; drought conditions and water delivery limitations have become worse in this second year of less than average rain fall, creating emergency conditions within the Karuk Ancestral Territory, Service Areas, and adjacent lands; and

WHEREAS; the Klamath River, and key tributaries are at extremely low levels; and

WHEREAS; Klamath Basin fisheries, including federal Endangered Species Act listed coho salmon, are at risk of massive fish kills due to low river flows;

WHEREAS; the Karuk Tribe's Ancestral Territory, Service Areas, and adjacent lands are placed in great jeopardy because of the shortage of seasonable rain and snow fall, and must act proactively to prevent an imminent disaster; and

WHEREAS; due to drought conditions it is unlikely that the principal source of water from the Klamath River and key tributaries will be adequate to meet the essential water supply needs of Karuk Ancestral Territory, Service Areas, and adjacent lands this Summer and Fall; and

WHEREAS; the adverse environmental, economic, and social impacts of the drought pose an imminent threat of disaster and threaten to cause widespread harm to people, businesses, property, natural resources, wildlife, and recreation within the Karuk Ancestral Territory, Service Areas, and adjacent lands; now

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; that the Karuk Tribal Council declares that a local emergency and imminent threat of disaster exists within the Karuk Ancestral Territory, Service Areas, and adjacent lands due to drought conditions.

CERTIFICATION

I, the Chairman, hereby certify the foregoing resolution 14-R-013 which was approved at Special Meeting on February 18, 2014 , was duly adopted by a vote of 8 AYES, 0 NOES, 0 ABSTAIN, and said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. The Tribal Council is comprised of 9 members of which 8 voted.

Russell Attebery, Chairman

2-18-14
Date