RESOLUTION NO. 55-ITCN-21

RESOLUTION OF THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF NEVADA, INC.
IN SUPPORT OF THE USE OF TRIBAL ID/ENROLLMENT CARDS TO BE USED DURING FUTURE STATE OF NEVADA ELECTIONS AND FOR OTHER STATE SERVICES FOR WHERE AN ID CARD IS REQUIRED

WHEREAS, the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc. ("ITCN") is a nonprofit tribal organization formed under the laws of the State of Nevada on February 23, 1966, and organized and operated in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation filed on February 23, 1966, and its First Amended and Restated Bylaws adopted on December 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of ITCN is stated in the First Amended and Restated Bylaws adopted on December 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, ITCN operates for the benefit of its twenty-seven (27) Member Tribes and their people; and

WHEREAS, ITCN’s Executive Board of Directors ("the Board") is comprised of one elected representative from each of ITCN’s twenty-seven (27) Member Tribes; and

WHEREAS, ITCN is seeking support to approve the use of Tribal ID/Enrollment cards to be used during future State of Nevada Elections and for other state services for which an ID Card is required; and

WHEREAS, Native American voters had the highest turnout of any demographic group in Nevada during the 2020 general election, the Native American community recorded a 15-point increase from 2016 turnout levels, and;

WHEREAS, voter registration rates remain extremely low among Native Americans, as 1.3% of Nevada's voting age population are Native Americans, but only 0.14% of Native Americans are registered voters, and;

WHEREAS, AB 321 passed by the Nevada Legislature in the recent 81st session, not only strengthened voting rights for all Nevadans, but extends deadlines for Tribal governments to request polling locations and ballot drop boxes (March 1 for Primary Elections, and August 1 for General Elections) and;

WHEREAS, AB 432 passed by the Nevada Legislature in the recent 81st session, permits Tribal governments to submit a request to the Governor to allow tribal agencies to conduct Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) programs and;
WHEREAS, the Nevada State Legislation has a law making an eligible Tribal ID/Enrollment card exchangeable with a Nevada Driver’s License or State ID card, and;

WHEREAS, such Tribal ID/Enrollment cards, are an acceptable form of ID when a Tribal citizen registers to vote prior to an election or during Election Day registration, and;

WHEREAS, the ITCN executive leaders encourages and supports all Tribal citizens to vote in all Tribal, city, county, state, and federal elections, and;

WHEREAS, in this action, the Nevada Indian Commission will collect photo samples of authorized Tribal ID/Enrollment cards from all 27 Tribal Nations, and;

WHEREAS, in this action the Nevada Indian Commission will provide copies of these sample Tribal ID/Enrollment cards to the Nevada Secretary of State, and;

WHEREAS, in this action the Nevada Secretary of State is encouraged to provide copies of these sample Tribal ID/Enrollment cards in the training materials for all polling station volunteers, and;

WHEREAS, the familiarity by polling station volunteers will increase the ease and efficiency of the voting experience of our Tribal citizens.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Executive Board authorizes the Inter – Tribal Council of Nevada, on behalf of their membership, agree to support the request of the Nevada Indian Commission, that each of Nevada’s 27 Tribes provide their Tribal ID/Enrollment Card for the express purpose of improving the voter experience.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at the duly called Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada on December 1, 2021, by a vote of 12 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 0 ABSTENTION.

Dated: 12/08/2021

Maxine Redstar, Secretary
Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc.

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