

## Director of American Indian Museum stepping down in 2007

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The founding director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian announced last week that he will resign next year.

W. Richard West Jr., who has been the public face of the museum during its planning and first two years of operation, said he felt it was the right time to leave and that he is stepping down in November 2007 by his own choice.

"I wished to walk through that door, rather than be ush-

ered through the door or carried through the door," said West, 63.

After 17 years of planning, West's vision for the first Mall museum dedicated to minority culture was realized on opening day in September 2004.

The Harvard-trained lawyer and Stanford-educated historian left a lucrative legal career to help create a window into Native American culture defined, in large part, by Native Americans themselves. West himself is a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

People who worked with West on the museum's plans said his resolve to make it something

different was unwavering.

"This museum is most accurately described, and functions as, an international institution of living cultures," West said.

In its first full year, the museum attracted 2.2 million visitors. It has drawn about 1.2 million people in the first nine months of this year.

West said he waited until a three-year strategic plan and staff reorganization were in place before announcing his plans to depart.

He said he has purchased land on the Indonesian island of Bali with his wife, and he may also consider making his next move to Santa Fe, N.M.

## Tribal Council Resolutions

### Trust settlement

Whereas the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation has a money damages lawsuit against the United States pending in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims [Case No. 02-126L] ("CFC Trust Case") that the Court has bifurcated into two phases: Phase I covering the Tribe's monetary trust assets mismanagement claims, and Phase II covering the Tribe's non-monetary trust assets mismanagement claims; and,

Whereas the Tribe and the United States successfully engaged in an alternative dispute resolution process ("ADR Process") for Phase I, with the Judge Edward J. Leavy, of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal serving as ADR judge, that resulted in a pending \$20,000,000 settlement of the Phase I claims that was approved by the Tribe (Tribal Council Resolution No.10,627, May 31, 2006), and was under submission to senior United States officials for approval in accordance with 28 C.F.R. section 0.161; and,

Whereas the Department of Interior has given its final approval of recommendation to the \$20,000,000 settlement of Phase I claims in June 2006. The matter was then submitted to the Associate Attorney General which is the final approval that has to occur before the settlement can be finalized; and,

Whereas the Tribes received final approval by the United States on August 31, 2006 regarding the Phase I claims \$20,000,000 settlement; and,

Whereas in accordance with Resolution No.10,652 upon final approval by the United States and receipt of the Phase I claims funds is assured, a proposed Supplemental Budget shall be proposed to appropriate the \$20,000,000 settlement; and,

Whereas attorney fees were incurred and paid by the Tribe to research, defend and settle the Phase I claims case and the attorney fees for Phase II are estimated to be \$1,200,000; and,

Whereas the Tribal Council has reviewed the Tribal budget forecast of revenues and expenditures and determined that additional budgeted sources will be needed in order to help minimize impacts to the community; and,

Whereas a Special Per Capita distribution fund totaling \$4,500,000 to be distributed to the membership \$500 in 2006 and \$500 in 2007 to tribal members and their heirs and successor's interest as of the

2006 date of record in Vital Statistics. If necessary, the Special Per Capita distribution will be appropriated from the Revenue Reserve Fund until the Phase I settlement funds are received to replenish the Revenue Reserve Fund in the same amount withdrawn from the Revenue Reserve Fund; and,

Whereas the Tribal Council has reviewed the Economic Development Projects Fund and the estimated amounts needed to provide for Economic Development in the future and has determined that additional funding must be contributed in the coming years to sustain the fund; and,

Sources: Phase I Claims Settlement \$20,000,000.

Uses: Operations-Tribal Governmental Needs:

Attorney Fees - Phase II \$1,200,000.

2007 operations - tribal government needs: \$2,986,000;

2008 operations - tribal government needs: \$3,370,000;

2009 operations - tribal government needs: \$3,913,000;

2010 operations - tribal government needs: \$3,559,000.

Community Assistance: \$0.

Debt Service: \$0.

Economic Development Projects: \$472,000.

Capital Projects: \$0.

Transfer to the Revenue Reserve Fund: \$4,500,000 For 2006 and 2007 Bonus.

Total Uses: \$20,000,000.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Twenty-Third Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, pursuant to Article V, Section 1 (t) of the Constitution and By-Laws as amended, and Ordinance 67, Article V, that the foregoing budget is approved from Tribal funds in the amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 and is hereby appropriated for the Tribal Governmental Needs, Economic Development projects and transfer to the Revenue Reserve Fund with an effective date of September 28, 2006 which is 90 days from the initial supplemental budget posting and at least 30 days from the final adoption; and,

Be it further resolved, funds will not be distributed until the settlement funds have been received by the Tribes; and,

Be it further resolved that a copy of the approved Supplemental Budget Resolution shall be immediately posted in no fewer than three public places on the Reservation for at least 30 days; and,

Be it further resolved that

the Secretary-Treasurer of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon is hereby authorized to proceed with the expenditure of funds for the purposes and amounts indicated in the Supplemental Budget once the settlement funds have been received; provided that all constitutional provisions are met and the Secretary of Interior or his/her authorized representative is hereby requested to approve such budget. (Resolution No. 10,663)

### Hunting

Whereas the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation closed the Reservation to big game hunting by Resolution No. 6587; and,

Whereas the Tribal Hunting and Trapping Code requires the Tribal Council to review the status of wildlife populations annually; and,

Whereas the Tribal Council has reviewed the attached limits, seasons and other regulations as recommended by the Natural Resources Branch and the On-Reservation Fish and Wildlife Committee; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Third Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon pursuant to Article V, Section 1 (i) and (1) of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws and the Warm Springs Tribal Code Hunting and Trapping 350.210, that the "2006 Hunting Regulations" are hereby adopted as provided in the attached recommendation from the Natural Resources Branch and the On-Reservation Fish and Wildlife Committee. (Resolution 10,660.)

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