

# Proclamation of the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council

*The following is Tribal Council Resolution No. 12, 195, adopted as the guiding principals of the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs*

**Whereas** the people of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation hold ultimate sovereignty over themselves, the Warm Springs Reservation, and traditional use places wherever located; and,

**Whereas** the Tribal Constitution adopted by the people established an 11-member Tribal Council to govern the Tribe, and delegates to the Tribal Council certain enumerated powers of the people; and,

**Whereas** it is the duty of the Tribal Council to govern for the tribal people's benefit the lands and resources on and off-reservation; and,

**Whereas** the people of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs maintain their inherent and inalienable right to self-determination, self-government and permanent sovereignty over their lands, territories and resources; and,

Whereas the people have expressed the desire to continue the preservation, protection and enhancement of their culture, languages, traditions, beliefs and values, and stewardship practices of lands, territories and resources; and,

**Whereas** the people have expressed the need for greater opportunity through development of revenue-generating economic initiatives and the creation of jobs and modernization of the reservation's technology and infrastructure; and,

**Whereas** the people have expressed the need for more effective educational institutions, programs, and policies that ensure access of tribal students to education about tribal government, culture and languages and support for higher education and vocational training; and,

**Whereas** the people have expressed the need for the tribal government to provide better support for its members through healthcare, housing, elimination of substance abuse, support of families and improved community safety; and,

**Whereas** the people have the need and have expressed the desire to be served by a more efficient, effective and accountable leadership and government that takes timely action, communicates both internally and externally, reviews and reports on its performance, sets long-term direction and strategies, and reduces bureaucracy; and,

**Whereas** the Tribal

Council and the people understand that all listed priorities are important, and that the tribal government will maximize opportunities for benefits when they arise; and,

**Whereas** the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council recognizes and supports the people's desire for improvements in the areas described and is committed to provide the leadership required to accomplish these goals; and,

**Whereas** the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council also recognizes that in order to grow our economy, our government and enterprises must provide business opportunities that will build the skills and capacity of tribal membership to contribute to the long term sustainability of employment and business growth; and,

**Whereas** the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council pledges to work with the community, families, and employees to advance the following priorities for the greater good of the people with the help and input of the community; now, therefore,

**Be it resolved** by the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, pursuant to the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, Article V, Section 1, commit and agree to prioritize the use of tribal resources as follows:

## 1. Budget and Revenue

The Tribal Council shall annually develop, review and approve a balanced Tribal budget for each fiscal year in order to promote and maintain the financial sustainability and integrity of the Tribe.

The Tribal Council shall develop a 5-year economic development plan to replenish and rebuild the Tribe's revenue reserve, per capita, and senior reserve funds to sustainable levels over time.

The Tribal Council shall institute a Tribal nonprofit and effective grant administration system (income, procurement, contract support, compliance and results) as the means to leverage additional funds in the areas of education, culture, youth, elders and infrastructure improvements.

## 2. Education

The Tribal Council shall develop, review and approve a plan to restructure and build the Tribe's education program in order to meet the educational goals and needs of its members including traditional, non-traditional students and those wishing to pursue vocational opportunities.

The plan shall include expanding Tribal higher education scholarships, improved vocational training and workforce development programs, and the development of internships, fellowships, apprenticeships, youth employment and career development.

The Tribal Council shall ensure implementation of language and cultural curriculum in schools that serve tribal students in both Jefferson and Wasco County school districts.

The Tribal Council shall ensure that a review of the Treaty and state/federal laws related to education is conducted to ensure compliance and incorporate this information into any program development, re-organization efforts or agreements with educational institutions and governing bodies that serve tribal students.

## 3. Enterprise accountability

The Tribal Council shall require that each Tribal enterprise develop a one-, five-, and ten-year plan and pro forma and have an annual business plan for its operation.

The Tribal Council shall require that each Tribal enterprise report quarterly on performance and profitability to the Council and at least semi-annually to the membership of the Tribe.

The Tribal Council will ensure that a uniform reporting process for annual reports is developed and communicated to tribal enterprises in order to ensure consistent reporting.

## 4. Health care

The Tribal Council shall develop, review and approve a plan to improve health care service delivery, funding and performance subject to annual review and evaluation by the Tribal Council.

The Tribal Council shall ensure that the Tribe recovers all billable costs for health care services provided.

## 5. Protection of assets

The Tribal Council affirms that the 1855 Treaty is the founding document that establishes the government-to-government relationship between the Tribe and the United States government and outlines the Federal trust obligations.

The Tribal Council shall work to preserve, enhance and utilize the Tribe's natural, cultural and sacred Treaty resources and sovereign rights consistent with the United States trust obligations.

The Tribal Council shall develop a plan and strategy to ensure that the Tribe is protecting its interests in the *U.S. v Oregon* Management Plan, the Columbia Basin Fish Accords, and the Columbia River Treaty.

The Tribal Council shall develop a specific legal, political and support strategy for nullifying the 1865 Treaty.

## 6. Our People

The Tribal Council shall ensure environments that provide the support necessary for healthy development of individuals and

families at all stages of life including adequate housing, healthcare, education, employment, safety and security.

The Tribal Council shall ensure opportunities for youth that are culturally and community based and includes but is not limited to leadership development, arts and technology, business and recreation.

The Tribal Council shall ensure that one of our most valuable assets, our children, have the opportunity to be raised amongst our community and culture by building healthy families and when necessary, ensure that the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) are implemented by the tribal government and other partner agencies.

## 7. Infrastructure, economic development and comprehensive planning

The Tribal Council shall review the 1999 People's Plan and assess what has been accomplished and engage the membership in an update of that comprehensive plan with an expanded emphasis on the economic development strategy necessary to achieve the goals and objectives established by the membership.

Tribal Council shall direct the executive staff to develop a funding plan to achieve the review and the updating of the 1999 People's Plan.

The Tribal Council shall ensure the review and refinement of current infrastructure plans and identification of funding sources to move towards implementation of defined actions.

The Tribal Council shall ensure that opportunities for renewable energy and energy efficiency are investigated with the goal of reducing energy costs for both homes and government facilities.

Tribal Council shall ensure that the trust mismanagement claims for facilities and infrastructure are met by Federal agencies responsible.

## 8. Tribal member employment

The Tribal Council shall determine the professional and training development needs of the tribal organization and employees and develop a plan to meet those needs.

The plans will be made to ensure that they are in compliance with Tribal Resolutions 8363 and 8363A for Tribal employment preference.

## 9. Housing

The Tribal Council shall initiate a conversation with Tribal membership to assess the housing needs of families and single adults so that Tribal members have the opportunity for independence and healthy homes in

the districts that they choose.

The Tribal Council shall review the Housing Code and other relevant codes to ensure they meet the development and housing needs of the community.

## 10. Community safety and security

The Tribal Council shall review any current safety plans and assess what improvements may be needed to address the community needs to ensure the safety and security of its members.

These plans will address prescription and illicit drug abuse, alcohol, and gang prevention. These plans will include community policing, public safety satellite offices, creation of improved relations and creating opportunities for youth and elders.

The Tribal Council shall reassert with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, and the Department of Justice their trust obligations to provide safe facilities for incarcerated adults and juveniles.

## 11. Communications

The Tribal Council shall develop, review and approve a strategic communication plan and processes to improve internal and external communications and communication with Tribal members.

The Tribal Council shall hold quarterly meetings with the membership and improve Tribal member access to information and Tribal Council actions.

The Tribal Council shall review Tribal Codes to address any discrepancies and ensure that all codes are updated and communicated within the tribal government and to the public.

## 12. Tribal Council and administration operations

The Tribal Council shall improve the operational efficiencies and effectiveness of the Tribal Council, enterprises and administration by annually reviewing the organizational structure, Corporate Charter and Constitution and By-laws and by developing policies and procedures that are clear, transparent and followed. All organization and enterprise efforts will be consistent with approved budgets.

The Tribal Council shall review and adopt policies and procedures for day-to-day operations of the Tribal Council. These policies shall be communicated to the membership.

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