

**UINTAH AND OURAY
TRIBAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

Resolution No. _____

- WHEREAS:** The Tribal Business Committee ("Business Committee") of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation ("Tribe") is empowered by Article VI, Sections 1(c) and 1(f) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe to regulate the economic affairs of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS:** The Ute Indian Tribe is an original founding member of the National Congress of American Indians ("NCAI") and is currently a member in good standing meeting all the requirements for Tribal Membership pursuant to Article II, Section 2A of the Constitution of the NCAI and; and
- WHEREAS:** The current NCAI Executive Director, Jacqueline Johnson Pata, who was appointed in 2001, has served the NCAI under five Presidents; and
- WHEREAS:** There is a growing and unnecessary division between the interests of tribal leaders of large land based tribes and the interests of the Executive Director, and the extent of that divide has reached a tipping point that we feel alienates, disenfranchises, and disaffects large land based tribes including the Ute Indian Tribe, all of whom are members of NCAI; and
- WHEREAS:** The Ute Indian Tribe does not believe that the Executive Director has served to account for and protect the interests of these tribes and that her primary focus is to serve as an advocate for smaller tribes that are members of NCAI; and
- WHEREAS:** The Executive Director has obstructed and opposed an effort for the large land based tribes to establish a large land based caucus within NCAI, which would serve as evidence of her failure to properly account for the interests of these tribes; and
- WHEREAS:** The Executive Director has failed to adequately represent all tribes and respect tribal leadership while giving due consideration to the direction, wishes and feedback of tribal leadership; and
- WHEREAS:** The NCAI Constitution Article IV, Section B empowers the NCAI Executive Committee with the "authority to provide for the employment of the Executive Director", a power that includes termination of such employment; and
- WHEREAS:** It is the responsibility of the NCAI Executive Committee to retain competency in the position of the Executive Director, and to ensure that the leadership provided by the Executive Committee is respectful to its tribal members which is essential for the fulfillment of NCAI's mission.

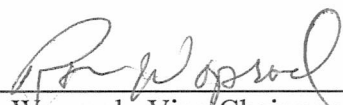
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE OF THE UTE INDIAN TRIBE OF THE UINTAH AND OURAY RESERVATION: for the above stated reasons, as a member in good standing

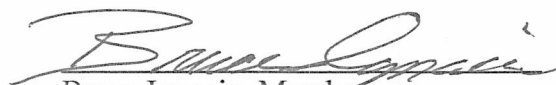
with NCAI, the Business Committee hereby issues a vote of No Confidence regarding the Executive Director of the NCAI.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Business Committee, hereby requests that the NCAI Executive Committee immediately terminate Jacqueline Johnson Pata as the NCAI Executive Director and undertake any necessary steps to locate an adequate replacement.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: that the Business Committee hereby authorizes and approves its Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, to execute any and all documents as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions and intent of this Resolution.

APPROVED
Gordon Howell, Chairman


Ron Wopsock, Vice-Chairman


Bruce Ignacio, Member

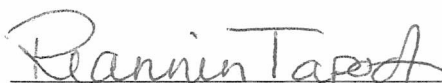
APPROVED
Stewart Pike, Member

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Phillip Chimburas, Member

APPROVED
Tony Small, Member

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING Resolution was adopted by the Tribal Business Committee of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation at a duly called meeting in Ft. Duchesne, Utah, on the 16 day of January, 2014, at which time a quorum was present and votes 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 0 absent.


Tribal Business Committee - Secretary
Ute Indian Tribe, Uintah & Ouray Reservation