



Walker River Paiute Tribe

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RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

OF THE

WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. WR-48-2020

COVID-19: FSA Farming

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE THAT:

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Walker River Paiute Tribe ("Tribe") is organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of June, 1934, as amended, to exercise certain rights of home rule and to be responsible for the promotion of the economic and social welfare of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council is charged with the responsibility of establishing policy, taking action to protect the peace and safety of Tribal members; and taking action to provide administrative guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Walker River Tribal Council adopted Resolution No. WR-37-2020 that declared a State of Emergency based on the COVID-19 pandemic and established an Emergency Team to coordinate Tribal responses to COVID-19 events; and

WHEREAS, many Tribal economies are supported by more than 80,000 agriculture producers that were financially stressed prior to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, without the ability to grow food and provide nourishment, no other economic measures will be effective in dealing with the fallout of the global pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act that was recently passed is proving to offer no meaningful assistance to Indian Ag producers; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, be it resolved that the Walker River Paiute Tribe does hereby request that the following actions be taken:

First, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to significantly reduce all FSA loan payments for the 2020 and 2021 production years, and extend all loans by 2 years.

Second, the Secretary is authorized to offer payments to lenders if they reduce the interest rate of current loans by 2% and offer the same reduced loan payments and extensions to their borrowers.

And third, the Secretary is authorized to use FSA Farm Ownership loans to refinance real estate and other debt to aid in recovery from this crisis; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Walker River Paiute Tribe supports introduction and passage of the following legislation proposed by the Intertribal Agriculture Council which would create a new Section under 7 U.S.C. Chapter 50 - Agriculture Credit, Subchapter IV:

Deferral of Principal Payments for COVID-19 Relief 7 U.S.C. XXXX

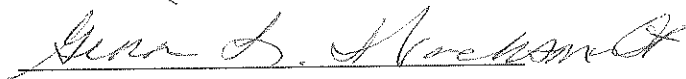
(a) Irrespective of any other guidance in this title, the Secretary shall defer all principal payments and extend the maturity date by two years on any farm program loan existing or made during the 2020 and 2021 production years;

(b) FSA Farm Ownership Loans may be used for refinance of FSA Guaranteed Loans or any other real estate debt if such application is made before December 31, 2021; and

(c) The Secretary shall expend such funds as are needed to offer a 2 percent interest buy down on any existing agriculture debt through a guaranteed or direct loan provided the participating lenders grant the same principal deferral and maturity date extension, for 2020 and 2021.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution of the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council of the Walker River Paiute Tribe composed of seven members of whom 5 constituting a quorum adopted the foregoing resolution on the 27th day of April, 2020 by the affirmative vote of 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 0 ABSTENTIONS; pursuant to the authority contained in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Walker River Paiute Tribe of Nevada.



Gina L. Wachsmuth, Tribal Council Secretary
WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE