



ZUNI TRIBAL COUNCIL
ZUNI, NEW MEXICO
June 5, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. M70-2015-P058

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribe, Also known as the Pueblo of Zuni, is a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribal Council, consisting of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and six Tenientes is declared to be the legislative authority of the Pueblo of Zuni by Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Zuni Tribal Council, Pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(d) of the Constitution of the Zuni Tribe, to represent the tribe, and to act in all matters that concern the welfare of the tribe; and

WHEREAS, the sale by auction of 5 Hopi "katsina friends" and various Zuni sacred religious items are scheduled to take place in Paris France on June 10, 2015; and

WHEREAS, these religious "katsina friends" are spiritual deities belonging to the Hopi Tribe and the sacred religious items belong to the Zuni People, its villages, its clans and its religious practitioners; and

WHEREAS, the "katsina friends" and sacred religious items are considered sacred objects of cultural patrimony and cannot be transferred, sold, conveyed and removed from the sovereign jurisdiction of the Hopi Tribe and Zuni Tribe; and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Zuni Tribe fully supports the Hopi Tribe in its efforts to stop the sale of the "katsina friends" through U.S. laws and international laws; and

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Zuni Tribe, petitions the Government of France, to intervene and stop the auction and facilitate a voluntary repatriation of the "katsina friends" to the Hopi Tribe and the sacred religious items belonging to the Zuni Tribe.

ZUNI TRIBAL COUNCIL:

Absent (Excused)
Val Panteah Sr., Governor

[Signature]
Phillip Vicenti, Head Councilman

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Carleton R. Bowekaty, Councilman

Margaret M. Eriacho
Margaret M. Eriacho, Councilwoman

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Birdena Sanchez, Lt. Governor

Absent (Excused)
Virginia R. Chavez, Councilwoman

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Audrey A. Simplicio, Councilwoman

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Eric Bobelu, Councilman

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Zuni Tribal Council at a duly called meeting at Zuni, New Mexico at which a quorum was present and that the same was approved by a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed on June 5, 2015.

[Signature]
Audrey A. Simplicio, Tribal Council Secretary
Pueblo of Zuni

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED:

[Signature] 6/5/15
for Val Panteah Sr., Governor Date