



# THE PAIUTE INDIAN TRIBE OF UTAH

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## RESOLUTION NO. 2020-14

### PAIUTE INDIAN TRIBE OF UTAH TRIBAL COUNCIL OPPOSING H.J.R. 10 JOINT RESOLUTION ADDRESSING USE OF NAMES, IMAGES, AND SYMBOLS OF NATIVE AMERICANS AND OTHER INDIGENOUS PEOPLE BEING PROPOSED BY REP. REX SHIPP

**WHEREAS,** the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian tribe under 25 U.S.C. § 761, et seq., organized under the Tribe’s Constitution, as ratified by the Tribe on June 11, 1991, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on July 15, 1991, and amended by the Tribe on August 12, 1997, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on September 30, 1997, pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984); and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article IV and Article V of the Constitution of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, the Tribal Council is the official governing body of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, the Tribal Council is vested with all executive and legislative powers of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to its inherent sovereignty as an Indian Tribe and Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, the Tribal Council has the authority to represent the Tribe and act in all matters that concern the welfare of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS:** H.J.R. 10 Joint Resolution Addressing use of names, images, and symbols of Native Americans and other Indigenous People being proposed by Representative Rex Shipp violates the State of Utah Executive Order 2014-005 entitled Executive Agency Consultation with Federally Recognized Indian Tribes; and

**WHEREAS:** H.J.R. 10 references the Native American Guardian’s Association as a Federal Entity that was consulted with to draft this proposed resolution; and

**WHEREAS:** the Native American Guardian’s Association does not represent the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah and is not defined under 84 FR 1200, Indian Tribal Entities; and

**WHEREAS:** H.J.R. 10 references unsubstantial data on surveys given to the Native American population in the State of Utah and citing the Washington Post Poll that has been proven to give grave disservice by ignoring studies that clearly demonstrate the harm of mascot and imagery; and

**WHEREAS:** the data cited provides insufficient support without proper consultation with the eight distinct sovereign nations in the State of Utah, including the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah; and

**WHEREAS:** the American Psychological Association has determined that these representations also undermine the ability of Native nations and people to portray themselves accurately as distinct and diverse cultures, and that stereotypical images are a dominant culture's prejudiced representations of a racial or ethnic minority group; and

**WHEREAS:** limited and sparse representation of Native Americans in the media and popular culture comprise a significant portion of what children learn about Native people and thereby impact their identity formation reinforcing stereotypes about Native cultures from the past and present; and

**WHEREAS:** the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah is open to consultation with the State of Utah to develop proper curriculum to address Native American History in the State of Utah

**THERE FOR IT BE RESOLVED:** the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah is willing to work with the State of Utah and Iron County School District to address the use of names, images, and symbols of Native Americans and other Indigenous People to truly honor Indigenous People

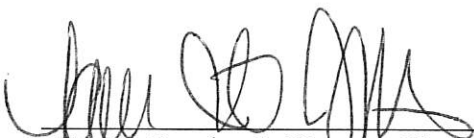
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Tribal Council of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah does hereby call for Representative Rex Ship and the State of Utah to withdraw H.J.R. 10 Joint Resolution Addressing use of names, images, and symbols of Native Americans and other Indigenous People and to develop and consult in new legislation.

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was fully considered by the Tribal Council at a duly called meeting in Cedar City, Utah, at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 3 absent this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2020.  
*or vacancies*

ATTEST:

  
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Carol Garcia, Tribal Council Secretary

  
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Tamra Borchardt-Slayton, Chairperson