RESOLUTION #GC-98-01

ESTABLISHING A GENERAL COUNCIL TO SERVE AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SHEEP RANCH BAND OF ME-WUK INDIANS

WHEREAS, The Sheep Ranch Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria of California ("the Tribe") was not terminated pursuant to the provisions of the Act of August 18, 1958, P.L. 85-671, 72 Stat. 619, as amended by the Act of August 11, 1964, P.L. 88-419, 78 Stat/ 390 ("the Rancheria Act"), and is a federally recognized Indian Tribe as confirmed by the inclusion of the Tribe in the list of Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, as published in the Federal Register on October 23, 1997.

WHEREAS, The plan of Distribution of the Assets of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria, approved by the Associate Commissioner of Indian Affairs on October 12, 1966, identified Mabel (Hodge) Dixie as the sole distributee entitled to participate in the distribution of the assets of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria;

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Indian Affairs did not completely implement the steps necessary to effect the termination of the Tribe prior to the passing of Mabel (Hodge) Dixie;

WHEREAS, The estate of Mabel (Hodge) Dixie was probated and Order of Determination of Heirs was issued on October 1, 1971, listing the following persons as possessing a certain undivided interest in the Sheep Ranch Rancheria:

Merle Butler, husband	Undivided 1/3 interest
Richard Dixie, son	Undivided 1/6 interest
Yakima Dixie, son	Undivided 1/6 interest
Melvin Dixie, son	Undivided 1/6 interest
Tommy Dixie, son	Undivided 1/6 interest

and this Order was reaffirmed by another Order issued on April 14, 1993;

WHEREAS, The surviving heirs are believed to be Yakima and Melvin Dixie, as the other heirs are or are believed to be deceased, and their heirs are in the process of requesting the estates of the deceased heirs be probated, and it is believed that the deceased heirs had no issue;

WHEREAS, The whereabouts of Melvin Dixie are unknown;

WHEREAS, The membership of the Tribe currently consists of at least the following individuals; Yakima Dixie, Silvia Fawn Burley, Rashel Kawehilani Reznor, Anjelica Josett Paulk, and Tristian Shawnee Wallace; this membership may change in the future consistent with the Tribe's ratified constitution and any duly

enacted Tribal membership statutes.

WHEREAS, The Tribe, on June 12, 1935, voted to accept the terms of the Indian Reorganization Act (P.L. 73-383; 48 Stat. 984) but never formally organized pursuant to federal statute, and now desires to pursue the formal organization of the Tribe; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Yakima Dixie, Silvia Fawn Burley, and Rashel Kawehilani Reznor, as a majority of the adult members of the Tribe, hereby establishes a General Council to serve as the governing body of the Tribe;

RESOLVED, That the General Council shall consist of all members of the Tribe who are at least eighteen years of age, and each member shall have one vote;

RESOLVED, That the General Council shall have the following specific powers to exercise in the best interest of the Tribe and its members:

(a) To consult, negotiate, contract, or conclude agreements with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, for the purpose of furthering the development and adoption of a Constitution;
(b) To administer assets received from such agreements specified in (a) above, including the power to establish bank accounts and designate signers thereupon;
(c) To administer the day-to-day affairs related to such agreements specified in (a) above;
(d) To develop and adopt policies and procedures regarding personnel, financial management, procurement and property management, and other such policies and procedures necessary to comply with all laws, regulations, rules, and policies related to funding received from such agreements specified in (a) above;
(e) To employ legal counsel for the purpose of assisting in the development of the Constitution and the policies and procedures specified in (d) above, the choice of counsel and fixing of fees to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative;
(f) To receive advice from and make recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior with regard to all appropriation estimates or federal projects for the benefit of the Tribe prior to the submission of such estimates to the Office of Management and Budget and to Congress;
(g) To faithfully advise the General Council of all activities provided for in this resolution at each regularly scheduled meeting of the General Council;
(h) To purchase real property and put such real property into trust with the United States government for the benefit of the Tribe;

RESOLVED, That all other inherent rights and powers not specifically listed herein shall vest in the General Council, provided that the General Council may specifically list such other rights and powers through subsequent resolution of the General Council;

RESOLVED, That the General Council shall appoint from among its members a Chairperson, who shall preside over all meetings of the General Council and rights and powers through

subsequent resolutions of the General Council, provided that in the absence of the Chairperson, a Chairperson Pro Tem shall be appointed from members convening the meeting;

RESOLVED, That the Chairperson shall notice and convene regular meetings of the General Council on the second Saturday of each month following the adoption of this resolution, provided that special meetings of the General Council may be called by the Chairperson upon providing a least fifteen (15) days notice stating the purpose of the meeting;

RESOLVED, That the Chairperson shall call a special meeting of the General Council, within thirty (30) days of receipt of a petition stating the purpose of the meeting, signed by at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the General Council, and the Chairperson shall provide at least fifteen (15) days notice stating the purpose of the meeting, provided that at such meeting, it shall be the first duty of the General Council to determine the validity of the petition;

RESOLVED, That the General Council shall elect from among its members a Secretary/Treasurer, who shall record the minutes of all General Council meetings, maintain the official records of the Tribe, certify the enactment of all resolutions, and disburse all funds as ordered by the General Council;

RESOLVED, That the quorum requirement for meetings of the General Council shall be conducted pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order;

RESOLVED, That the General Council shall exist until a Constitution is formally adopted by the Tribe and approved by the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative, unless this resolution is rescinded through subsequent resolution of the General Council.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned as a majority of the adult members of the General Council of the Sheep Ranch Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria of California ("the Tribe"), do hereby certify that at a duly noticed, called, and convened special meeting of the General Council held on Thursday, in Sheep Ranch, California, where a quorum was present, this resolution was adopted by a vote of 2 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining. We further certify that this resolution has not been rescinded, amended, or modified in any way.

Dated this 5 day of November, 1998:

Yakima Dixie

Yakima Dixie

Silvia Burley

Silvia Burley

Rashel Reznor