

SAMPLE RESOLUTION
Support for Winnemem Wintu Bałas Chonas Winyupnas
(Puberty Ceremony)

WHEREAS, the Winnemem Wintu Tribe has celebrated Bałas Chonas Winyupnas on the McCloud River since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the next spiritual leader of the Tribe is now ready to celebrate her coming of age; and

WHEREAS, the Winnemem Wintu deserve to conduct this ceremony in the peace and dignity befitting a ceremony of this nature without interference from the uninvited recreating public; and

WHEREAS, the location of the ceremony is within United States Department of Agriculture, Shasta-Trinity National Forest jurisdiction and in the McCloud River watershed, jointly controlled by the US Forest Service and Shasta County; and

WHEREAS, the water levels in the river, as a result of water management decisions related to Shasta Dam, have only been low enough for the ceremony to be conducted in the last several years; and

WHEREAS, ceremonies are core to the values and practice of the Winnemem culture and lifeway and are vital to the sustenance of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the government agencies involved in the determination of the tribes' ability to hold their ceremony in peace and dignity are failing to provide the necessary privacy and protections.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ (Name of Tribe) calls upon the relevant state and federal agencies to do everything within their stated and discretionary authority to close the section of the McCloud River between the McCloud Bridge and McCloud Point, a distance of approximately 350 yards, for the duration of the ceremony; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the _____ (Title of Official), or his/her designee is hereby authorized and empowered to transmit in the name of the _____ (Name of Tribe) a copy of this resolution to the Winnemem Wintu Tribe, USDA Forest Service Supervisor and other relevant state and federal agencies urging the temporary closure of the river.

The foregoing resolution was passed by the _____ (Title of Tribe's Governing Body) this _____ day of _____, 20__.

ATTEST:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Cc to Barbara Boxer

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