

Uintah and Ouray Agency  
Fort Duchesne, Utah

WHEREAS, the Uintah and Ouray Tribal Business Committee (Business Committee) of the Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) is empowered and directed by the Tribe's Constitution to oversee and protect the future and welfare of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Congress, in the Ute Indian Partition and Termination Act of August 27, 1954, 68 Stat. 868, codified at 25 U.S.C. §§677-677aa (UPA), divided the Tribe into two groups, i.e. "mixed-blood" and "full-blood" members, see 25 U.S.C. §677a and 677d; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government's fiduciary obligations and the tribal membership of the mixed-bloods were terminated by publication of such persons' names in the Federal Register on April 5, 1956, and such persons, therefore, are no longer legally Indians nor members of the Tribe, see 25 U.S.C. §677v; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the mandates of the UPA, the Tribe consists exclusively of full-bloods, see 25 U.S.C. §677g; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the UPA, the mixed-bloods, some of whom voluntarily opted to separate themselves from the Tribe, received approximately 27.16% of then existing tribal assets, which included tribal lands and tribal trust funds, and granted to the Ute Distribution Corporation a continuing 27.16% interest in the minerals held in trust by the Tribe, see 25 U.S.C. §§677a(f) and 677i; and

WHEREAS, because of the mixed-bloods' actions, the Tribe's land base, fiscal assets and future income was reduced and placed in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, the mixed-bloods and their descendants, despite having received a prorated portion of the Tribe's assets not granted to tribal members and having depleted the assets of the Tribe, continue to assert that they possess a continuing interest in all assets and rights of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the mixed-bloods and their descendants have instituted a campaign to damage the reputation of the Tribe and to once again acquire "full-blood" status; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is not agreeable to the mixed-bloods, after having diluted and damaged the Tribe and its assets, regaining legal recognition as Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Business Committee believes it in the Tribe's best interest to oppose any and all efforts by the mixed-bloods to again "raid" the tribal treasury and to gain Indian status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UINTAH AND OURAY TRIBAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE OF THE UTE INDIAN TRIBE that the Ute Indian Tribe hereby resolves to oppose and counter any and all efforts by the mixed-bloods to:

- (1) reacquire membership in the Tribe;
- (2) gain a greater portion of the fiscal assets of the Tribe;
- (3) acquire a land base for themselves that is recognized by the United States as "Indian country";
- (4) acquire additional lands of the Tribe;
- (5) expand their limited user rights in fish and wildlife of the Tribe;
- (6) assert ownership of tribal lands, water, wildlife, minerals or money;
- (7) acquire special status or legislation from the Congress; or
- (8) in any manner alter their mixed-blood status or attempt to alter the existing requirements of the UPA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legal counsel of the Tribe, individual members of the Business Committee and all other tribal officers, agents and employees shall take whatever steps as may prove necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution and to ensure that the mixed-bloods and their offspring do not reacquire Indian status or damage the interests of the Tribe.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Congress and all other federal agencies and offices shall be informed of the Tribe's opposition to the mixed-bloods acquiring any rights in addition to those granted under the UPA, to the mixed-bloods being recognized as Indians or tribal members and of the Tribe's intent to counter and defend against the mixed-bloods acquiring tribal lands or assets.

Ruby Atwine  
Ruby Atwine, Chair

Roseline B. Taveapont  
Roseline Taveapont, Vice Chair

Larry Blackhair  
Larry Blackhair, Member

Raymond Murray  
Raymond Murray, Member

Ronald J. Wopsock  
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O. Roland McCook  
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### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Uintah and Ouray Tribal Business Committee of the Ute Indian Tribe, at a duly called meeting held in Fort Duchesne, Utah, on the 22nd day of November, 1995, at which a quorum was present and voted 5 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT.

Dana West  
Dana West, Secretary  
Uintah and Ouray Tribal Business  
Committee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Uintah and Ouray Tribal Business Committee of the Ute Indian Tribe, at a duly called meeting held in Fort Duchesne, Utah, on the 22nd day of November, 1995, and was again reaffirmed by the Uintah and Ouray Tribal Business of the Ute Tribe, at a duly called meeting held in Fort Duchesne, Utah, on the 20th day of December, 1995, at which time a motion was made and approved to appoint the new council member, O. Roland McCook, to sign the resolution, at which time a quorum was present and voted 5 for, 1 absent.

Jacqueline Stevens  
Jacqueline Stevens, Assistant Business  
Committee Secretary