



Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Tribal Council Resolution No. 05- 19.

Short Title: RESOLUTION TO SET ASIDE 21.5 PERCENT INITIAL INTEREST FROM THE COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE DISTRIBUTION OF JUDGMENT FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE CLARK COUNTY PARCEL

WHEREAS, the Cowlitz Indian Tribe is Acknowledged as a Sovereign Indian Nation by the United States Government, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is the governing body of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe as authorized by the Tribe's Constitution and By-laws, and

WHEREAS, the Tribe was dispossessed of all of its lands in the nineteenth century, and ever since it has remained landless; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe brought a claim against the United States before the Indian Claims Commission (Docket No. 218) to obtain compensation for the lands illegally taken in the nineteenth century; and

WHEREAS, Congress enacted Settlement Legislation (Pub. L. 108-222) to provide such compensation; and

WHEREAS, Section 4(f)(1) of the Tribe's Settlement Legislation specifically authorizes the use of a portion of the settlement funds for land acquisition; and

WHEREAS, because of its landless status the Tribe has an urgent need to acquire lands on which it can conduct its affairs for the benefit and advancement of its people; and

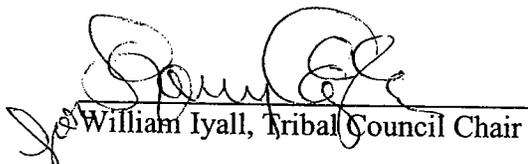
WHEREAS, the Tribe has submitted a fee-to-trust application for certain lands in Clark County Washington (the Cowlitz Parcel); and

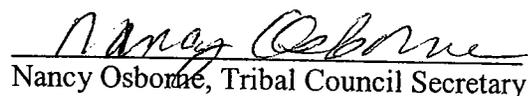
WHEREAS, the Tribe desires to use settlement funds to acquire property for business and other activities which economically benefit the Tribe and provide employment for tribal members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Council of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe hereby determines that the Tribe shall ~~set~~ use settlement funds made available pursuant to Pub.L. 108-222 section 4(f), towards the purchase of the Cowlitz Parcel.

--- CERTIFICATION ---

The foregoing resolution was adopted March 4, 2005, at a duly called meeting of the Cowlitz Tribal Council by a vote of 15 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.


William Iyall, Tribal Council Chair


Nancy Osborne, Tribal Council Secretary