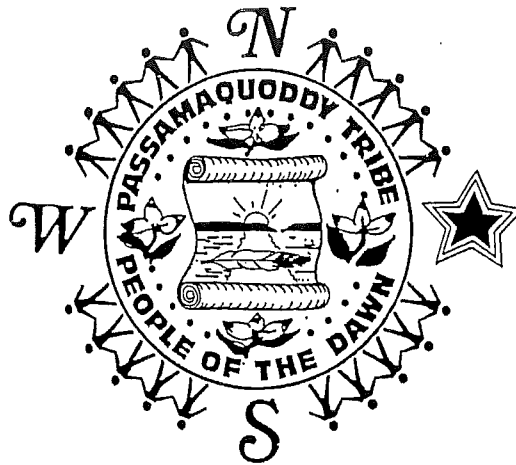


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*Adopted by Council
11-9-93*

TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, The Pleasant Point Tribal Governor and Council is the recognized governing body of the Passamaquoddy Tribe - Pleasant Point Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council believes that a good education is one of the most important elements needed in order for the Tribal Members to improve their lives and obtain better employment opportunities, and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is committed to assisting as many Tribal Members as possible with obtaining a quality education and will support education whenever possible, and
- HEREAS, in the past, many students have aspired to seek out educational opportunities out-of-state which is much more expensive in terms of tuition, travel, subsistence and housing costs than the in-state tuition waived schools, and
- HEREAS, each year there are increasing numbers of requests for educational assistance from Tribal Members and the costs to the tribal budget have escalated over the years while revenues into the tribal budget has diminished, and
- HEREAS, the Education Department is subsidized with tribal funds and with the limited amount of funds available through the tribal budget and since there are cutbacks and budget shortfalls the Tribal Council has the responsibility to design new common sense policies and guidelines for the Tribal Education Department in order to better utilize all sources of funds whether Tribal, Federal, State or Private, and to install a mechanism that would fulfill the functions of distributing education funds in a more equitable, responsible and conservative manner while maintaining quality education opportunities and financial aid to more Tribal Members, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Governor made a directive on August 19, 1993 as follows; "The Tribe will continue to assist those students who are currently enrolled and who have been receiving services and will make a good faith attempt to provide assistance to those new students who have applied for assistance for the fall of 1993-94, who have met the application deadline of April 15. Also, Beginning with the spring semester of 1994 any new student applicants will only receive assistance providing they attend one of the In-State tuition waived schools. This directive is conditional upon availability of funds. Also, the Tribal Education Department must notify all new student applicants of this Administrative Directive," and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes to supplement the Governors Directive with the following additional policy changes, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council also believes that a quality education can be obtained through the State of Maine University System and Technical Colleges and Bureau of Indian Affairs Colleges, which are tuition waived for Native Americans, and

WHEREAS, through the use of these In-State and BIA tuition waived schools the Tribe would save funds and would be better able to serve more students which would be a more prudent use of the educational funds, and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that the time has come for all to get more serious about expectations and commitment to education, and

WHEREAS, during this period of insufficient revenues the Tribal Governor and Council desires to improve on its delivery of education aid and services to the Tribal Membership through a more responsible and organized approach.

OW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

HAT, the Tribe will continue to assist those students who are currently enrolled in schools and who have been receiving services and will also provide assistance to those new students who have applied for assistance for the fall of 1993-94, providing these students meet their agreed obligations and funds are available, and

HAT, beginning with the spring semester of 1994 new student applicants can only receive assistance if they attend one of the In-State or BIA tuition waived schools, providing that the room and board costs are also waived, and

THAT, any student who receives financial aid or other assistance from the Tribe must willingly declare intent to search for and accept full time employment as soon as possible after graduating from their chosen training or field of study. Career plans may subsequently change, but the intent of the program is preparation for full time satisfactory employment, and this must be the initial intent of the program participants, and

THAT, the Tribe will only assist those students that genuinely aspire to complete their education in the specialty or discipline chosen, and

THAT, all Tribal Members currently receiving financial aid or assistance and any new student applicants who request assistance from the Tribe must submit a written statement titled an "Education/Career Plan" to the Tribal Education Department. The "Plan" shall briefly describe the applicants career goals and how they propose to achieve their goals. This plan shall outline the number of years to receive their Certificate, Diploma, or Degree and the names of the school(s) that the applicant desires to attend. The Tribe will not provide financial assistance to persons who do not submit an "Education/Career Plan" or who change their curriculum to another major or who change schools without first obtaining the concurrence of the Tribal Education Department. This concurrence will only be granted if the request or change is in keeping with the framework and principles of this resolution, and

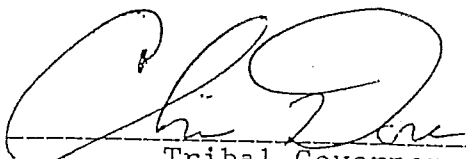
THAT, any student who has successfully completed their Major in their field study should search for and accept full time employment as soon as possible after graduation. The Tribal Education department will not provide financial assistance to persons who do not make a good faith attempt to secure employment after receiving their Certificate, Degree or Diploma in the discipline chosen as outlined in the students "Education/Career Plan". Any student who the Tribe deems to be taking advantage of the education system benefits by prolonging their financial assistance by unreasonable and irrational changes in their Education/Career Plan or other abuses shall be subject to reassessment by the Tribe and may have their financial aid or assistance discontinued, and

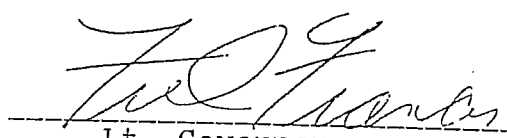
HAT student applicants requesting specialized training and education not available in the State of Maine tuition waived system will be considered on a case by case basis by the _____, and

IAT, the Education Department shall develop a new student agreement form in cooperation with the Governor, Lt. Governor and the BIA Contract Specialist which shall address all subjects referred to in this resolution and this agreement shall be reviewed by the Tribal Council for adoption prior to implementation by the Education Department, and


THAT, the Education Department shall also develop a standard formula to calculate an applicants unmet need in cooperation with the Governor, Lt. Governor and the BIA Contract Specialist and this formula shall be reviewed by the Tribal Council for adoption prior to implementation by the Education Department, and

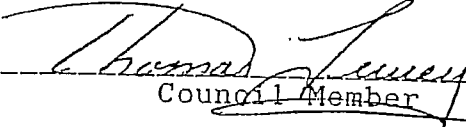
THAT, the Tribal Education Department must notify all current students and new student applicants of the above adopted resolution.

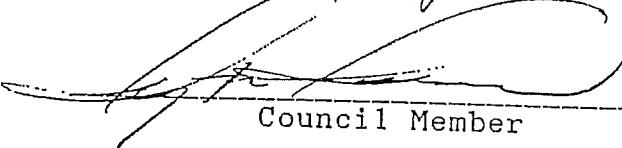

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Lt. Governor


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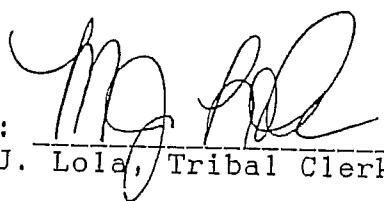

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