Whereas, the Business Council was consulted by Renewable Energy Systems Americas (hereinafter RES Americas) and NV Energy regarding the proposed China Mountain Wind Project from the initiation of the project;

Whereas, the Business Council and its Cultural Resource Protection Authority had serious concerns about the potential adverse impact on the cultural resources on and in the area of the proposed China Mountain site, and discussed those concerns with the Bureau of Land Management in Idaho and with RES Americas and NV Energy;

Whereas, the Business Council made it clear to the Bureau of Land Management and RES Americas and NV Energy that the Tribes would insist on careful monitoring and careful development in order to avoid adverse impact on those cultural resources;

Whereas, RES Americas and NV Energy agreed with the Tribal concerns about the cultural resources at and in the area of the site at China Mountain and began a series of consultation meetings with the Cultural Resource Protection Authority of the Tribes;

Whereas, RES Americas and NV Energy understood that China Mountain is important to our culture, important to the environment the Creator has given us, that we, as a people have been nurtured by the area at and near the proposed site for the Project, a site at which the plants, animals, winds, waters, and earth are spiritually intertwined in our culture;

Whereas, RES Americas and NV Energy agreed that the Tribal Cultural Resource Protection Authority was best suited for monitoring and protecting
this China Mountain area that is so important for the Shoshone Paiute people;

Whereas, we believe and RES Americas and NV Energy accept that China Mountain is a site which is important to the overall and larger environment of a changing earth, and that management of our lands over the long term of time requires us to entertain changes in energy that will protect our people and our entire environment from air pollution, changes that will provide efficient and clean energy, and that wind energy provides that efficient, clean source of energy;

Whereas, as a people the Shoshone Paiute recognize a responsibility to the environment, a responsibility to our people in the future, and a responsibility to the earth itself to encourage transition of our energy generation to utilize cleaner, more efficient resources, but at the same time to do so in a way that preserves our history, our culture and our traditional way of life to the fullest extent possible;

Whereas, the representatives of RES Americas and NV Energy came to our Tribes, met with our Cultural Resource Protection Authority and prayed with us, listened to us, heard us, and respected our desire and intent to protect our cultural, spiritual, sites and all our cultural resources including the sage grouse that live on and around China Mountain;

Whereas, RES Americas and NV Energy sought to work with our people, with our Cultural Resource Protection Authority and with the Council to ensure that the Shoshone Paiute will continue to have a critical voice and role in the protection of China Mountain;

Whereas, our people have aboriginal rights to this land, and therefore have a duty and responsibility to perform a meaningful role in the development and implementation of renewable energy projects proposed on this land, and through consultation RES Americas and NV Energy have agreed that we have a shared goal to responsibly provide for future generations of our people by providing renewable energy consistent with protection of our cultural resources;

Whereas, RES Americas and NV Energy have committed to work in partnership with our Cultural Resource Protection Authority which will in turn work with RES Americas and NV Energy and their agents in a shared commitment to monitor and protect the cultural and spiritual resources on and around China Mountain during development, construction and operation of the Project;
Whereas, our partnership, our shared commitment, with RES Americas and NV Energy evidences a grand example of effective, meaningful consultation between developers, land management agencies of the federal government and our Tribal government;

Whereas, our partnership, our shared commitment, has evolved over several months of meaningful consultation during which we shared our vision of our values and our needs and RES Americas and NV Energy shared their vision of long term goals in the field of renewable energy for the betterment of our people and all people within the nation;

Whereas, through our long months of consultation through the Cultural Resource Protection Authority, RES Americas and NV Energy and the Council came to understand that we share many of the long term goals for providing responsible development of clean, renewable energy that will benefit our children and our grandchildren and for protecting our cultural and spiritual environment for our children and our grandchildren;

Whereas, this shared interest has fostered our resolute support for the China Mountain Wind Project;

Now, Therefore, It Is Resolved by the Shoshone Paiute Business Council that we do and will continue to support the China Mountain Wind Project, that we will evidence that support by urging the United States government to grant a permit to allow full development of the Project through consultation with government agencies and through other means for providing public support;

Be It Further Resolved that we fully and resolutely commit to a shared goal and responsibility to manage our lands and resources for the benefit of our future generations, and to set an example for others to follow in establishing shared commitment between developers and Tribal governments and peoples;

Be It Resolved that we make the commitment to fully support the China Mountain Wind Project because RES Americas and NV Energy have earned our support through their commitment to work with us to protect our culture in the China Mountain area for future generations and through their commitment to providing efficient, clean energy that protects the health of future generations;

Be It Finally Resolved that the Business Council and our Cultural Resource Protection Authority will work in consultation with RES Americas and NV Energy to support issuance of a permit for the China Mountain Wind Project
by the responsible federal agency and to protect our cultural and spiritual resources at and near China Mountain.