

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Tribal member, Ernestine Werelus and representative of the Fort Hall Landowners Alliance approached the Business Council to request a letter of support regarding the \$3.4 billion Settlement Agreement in the Cobell Trust Fund Settlement case; and

**WHEREAS**, a Settlement Agreement has been announced between IIM Beneficiaries, the Secretary of the Interior of Indian Affairs, the Assistant Secretary of Interior Indian Affairs; and the Secretary of the Treasury in a class action lawsuit, Cobell vs. Salazar; and

**WHEREAS**, under the terms of the Settlement Agreement the Federal Government will create a \$1.4 billion Accounting/Trust Administration Fund, a \$2 billion Trust Land Consolidation Fund and a \$60 million Indian Education Scholarship Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plaintiffs could continue litigating to know exactly how much and perhaps increase the settlement amount due to the fact that this is significantly less than the full amount of which individual Indian are entitled; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plaintiffs believe the case should be settled now while there is support by all parties and in Congress so that Indian landowners can receive compensation for the mismanagement of their IIM accounts; and

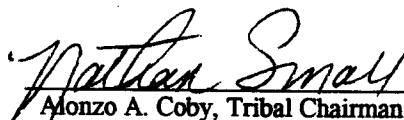
**WHEREAS**, The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes (Tribes) were not party to this lawsuit, but believe that the last thirteen (13) years of litigation have negatively impacted the Tribal and Federal government relations and the Tribes look forward to putting this longstanding Trust Fund mismanagement issue behind us;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BUSINESS COUNCIL OF THE SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES**, that Tribal member, Ernestine Werelus and representative of the Fort Hall Landowners Alliance's request is hereby approved and authorizes a letter of support regarding the Settlement Agreement in the class action lawsuit, Cobell vs. Salazar case of which will be sent to Idaho's Congressional Delegation urging support of the settlement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED**, that the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes urge the United States Congress to provide appropriations to settle this historic case of the Federal Governments mismanagement of Trust Funds belonging to more than 500,000 Indian people throughout Indian Country, including thousands of Indian account holders of Idaho.

Authority for the foregoing resolution is found in the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat., 984), as amended and under Article VI, Section 1 (a, r) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation of Idaho.

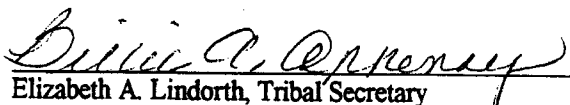
Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.

  
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Monzo A. Coby, Tribal Chairman  
Fort Hall Business Council

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## CERTIFICATION

**I HEREBY CERTIFY**, that the foregoing resolution was passed while a quorum of the Business Council was present by a vote of 6 in favor, and 1 not voting (AAC) on the date this bears.

  
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Elizabeth A. Lindorth, Tribal Secretary  
Fort Hall Business Council

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