

**B L U E   L A K E   R A N C H E R I A**

**ORDINANCE No. 91-01**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BLUE LAKE RANCHERIA  
HUMBOLDT COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**SUBJECT: RULES AND PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENT GOVERNING ENROLLMENT  
ACTIVITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BLUE LAKE RANCHERIA.**

**WHEREAS: The Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs has approved the  
Constitution governing the affairs of the Blue Lake  
Rancheria; and**

**WHEREAS: Article III, Section 4 of the Constitution, empowers the  
Business Council to regulate the enrollment of tribal  
members through the adoption of an enrollment ordinance  
consistent with the constitution.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN, that the Blue Lake Rancheria hereby  
adopts the following requirements and procedures to govern their  
enrollment activities of members, subject to review and approval by  
the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative.**

**DEFINITIONS**

**Wherever used in this Ordinance, the terms defined in this section  
shall have the following meaning:**

**ADOPTION: Means granting tribal membership to individuals who meet  
specific requirement prescribed in this ordinance.**

**ADOPTED CHILD: A child who is not the biological child of a parent  
but who has had the parent/child relationship established by court  
decree who is of Indian Ancestry.**

**AREA DIRECTOR: The Area Director of the Sacramento Area Office,  
Bureau of Indian Affairs.**

**BUSINESS COUNCIL: The duly elected Business Council of the Blue  
Lake Rancheria.**

**ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE: An appointed group of persons whose  
responsibility it is to screen membership applications for the Blue  
Lake Rancheria.**

**SUPERINTENDENT: The Superintendent of the Northern California  
Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs.**

**SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR: The Assistant Secretary for Indian  
Affairs of the United States Department of the Interior.**

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**SECTION III. FILING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

All Indian persons desiring membership with the Blue Lake Rancheria, shall file written applications authorized by the Business Council. An application may be filed on behalf of anyone in need of assistance by a sponsor meaning, a parent, guardian, relative, attorney, friend, Tribal or State Social worker, or a member of the Business Council or Enrollment Committee. Applications shall be filed with the Enrollment Committee within sixty (60) days after May 30th of each year.

**SECTION IV. APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

The Business Council shall approve or disapprove applications for enrollment. Such action shall be based upon the recommendations of the Enrollment Committee and any other information or evidence available. All applicants shall be notified in writing of the Business Council determination. Applicants whose membership applications have been disapproved shall be notified by certified mail-return receipt with information regarding their right to request the reason(s) for such disapproval and the right to appeal the adverse determination.

**SECTION V. APPEALS**

Adverse determinations on applications for membership may be appealed to the General Council. An appeal shall be in writing and must be received by the Tribal Office within thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice of ineligibility. If the General Council by a majority vote, votes in favor of the applicant for membership, then the applicant shall become a member of the tribe.

**SECTION VI. RELINQUISHMENT**

Any member may relinquish their membership with the Blue Lake Rancheria by submitting a statement in writing to the Business Council.

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ADOPTED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF October, 1991

John DeWitt

Chairperson Blue Lake Rancheria

October 27, 1991

Date

Alvin Lawrence General Council Member Oct. 27, 1991

ATTESTED: Signature and Title

Date

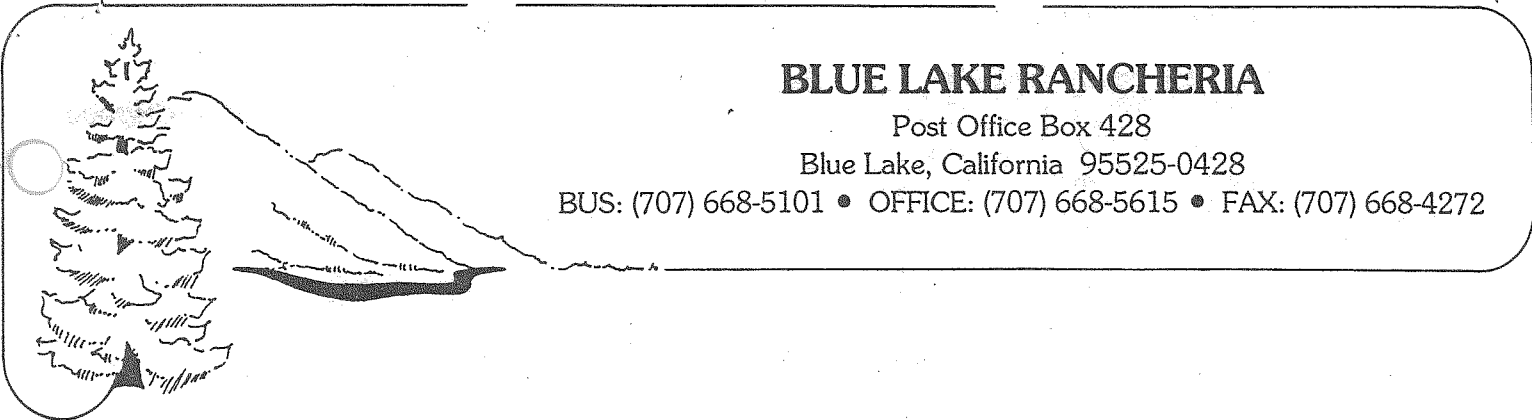
ACKNOWLEDGED:

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Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Northern California Agency

APPROVED:

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Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Sacramento Area Office

91-01



# BLUE LAKE RANCHERIA

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## RESOLUTION OF THE BLUE LAKE RANCHERIA NO.99-19

**SUBJECT:** Base Enrollment.

**WHEREAS:** The Rancheria Constitution has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Indian Affairs on March 22, 1989, authorizing full governmental powers to the duly elected Business Council; and

**WHEREAS:** The Blue Lake Rancheria's Business Council represents the Blue Lake Indian Tribe located in the State of California and as per Article V Sections 4 and 5 of the Blue Lake Rancheria's Constitution, the Tribal Business Council has the authority to create laws, regulations and control enrollment of American Indians residing on the Blue Lake Rancheria; and

**WHEREAS:** the error perpetrated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs with regards to the allotment of land currently occupied by Alice Ramsey has yet to be resolved; and,

**WHEREAS:** Alice Ramsey, not Chuck Winton, was living on the land allotted to Chuck Winton prior to the completion of the illegal termination of the Tribe; and,

**WHEREAS:** prior to termination the Tribe voted to allow Chuck Winton's land interest to be purchased by Alice Ramsey, and notified the BIA of this Tribal decision, yet the paperwork for the allotment to be placed in Chuck Winton's name was already being processed by the BIA ; and,

**WHEREAS:** since this was the beginning of the termination period, the BIA neglected to uphold their responsibility to accurately allot the land in compliance with the Tribe's vote; and,

**WHEREAS:** to rectify this error, as soon as the deed with Chuck Winton's name was sent to him, he immediately sold his interest in the allotment to Alice Ramsey and had it recorded by the County to comply with the Tribal decision; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** The Tribal Council of the Blue Lake Rancheria hereby decrees that Alice Ramsey, not Chuck Winton, was the original allottee of the property currently occupied by Alice Ramsey.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT** Alice Ramsey is therefore recognized as a base roll member of the Blue Lake Rancheria.

**CERTIFICATION**

As the Chairperson of the Business Council for the Blue Lake Rancheria, I hereby certify that the Business Council adopted this resolution by a vote of 5 for, with 0 against, with 0 abstaining, with 0 absent on this 27th of May, 1999.

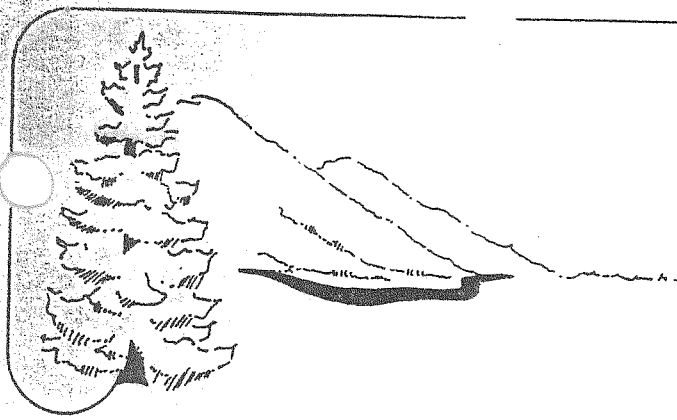
Claudia Brundin  
Claudia Brundin, Chairperson

May 27, 1999  
Date of Approval

**ATTEST:**

Melanie Shelanskey  
Melanie Shelanskey, Tribal Secretary

May 27, 1999  
Date of Approval



# BLUE LAKE RANCHERIA

Post Office Box 428  
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October 28, 1991

Mr. Van A. Peters  
Acting Superintendent  
Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Northern California Agency  
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Redding, CA 96049-4879

Re: Tribal Ordinance 91-01 & 02  
Resolution 91-09

As the Tribal Chairperson of the Blue Lake Rancheria, I am hereby submitting to the Bureau of Indian Affairs two (2) Ordinance for review and approval from the Area Director. Both of the documents have areas for acknowledgment and approval signature. It is my understanding that the Superintendent will sign then forward to Area for approval. That the only disapproval would be based on conflict with Federal Law or conflict with language within the Tribal Constitution.

Please take the time today to direct appropriate staff within your office for the necessary processing of these ordinance's.

Respectfully submitted,

BLUE LAKE RANCHERIA

Sylvia Daniels  
Chairperson