



*Kashia Band of Pomo Indians*  
*of the Stewarts Point Rancheria*

**TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO: 02122022-04**

**RESOLUTION OF OPPOSITION TO KOI NATION'S APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR TO TAKE LAND INTO TRUST FOR GAMING IN SONOMA COUNTY.**

- WHEREAS:** The Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian tribe, organized pursuant to the Tribe's Constitution, adopted on January 30, 2011 and certification by the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Indian Affairs on February 15, 2011; and
- WHEREAS:** The Tribe's reservation is located in Stewarts Point, Sonoma County, California; and
- WHEREAS:** Koi Nation has submitted an application to the United States Department of Interior ("Department") seeking to acquire 68 acres of land in trust for a casino near Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, southeast of Windsor.
- WHEREAS:** The site the Koi Nation has selected is located approximately 50 miles from the Koi Nation's homeland in Lake County -- well outside the Koi Nation's ancestral territory; and
- WHEREAS:** The Koi Nation is a Southeastern Pomo tribe indigenous to Lake County, specifically Lower Lake (Clear Lake), and was previously known as "Lower Lake Rancheria," a reflection of its geographic and cultural ties to Lake County where in 1916 a rancheria was acquired for it by the federal government; and
- WHEREAS:** The Koi Nation has never been associated with Sonoma County linguistically or culturally; as Southeastern Pomo, the Koi Nation is not indigenous to nor has any significant historical connection or ties to Sonoma County; and
- WHEREAS:** All of Sonoma County is indigenous to the Southern and Southwestern Pomo language groups, including our Tribe; and
- WHEREAS:** The Koi Nation's attempt to acquire trust land for gaming in the territory of other tribes ignores federal law requiring restored tribes to demonstrate a significant historical connection to the lands on which they propose to game; and
- WHEREAS:** Allowing Koi Nation to acquire land in trust for gaming purposes in the ancestral territory of other tribes would set a precedent that would disrespect what the law is intended to protect; and

**WHEREAS:** Our Tribe strongly opposes Koi Nation's trust application for a gaming trust acquisition in Sonoma County as an intrusion into our ancestral territory; and

**WHEREAS:** Approval of Koi Nation's application will harm local tribes, including their economic and cultural interests, for the benefit of a single distant tribe.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria opposes the Koi Nation's application to the Department to acquire 68 acres of land in trust for a gaming facility located near Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California and requests that the Department said application.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Koi Nation's application to acquire trust lands for gaming purposes is an attempt at reservation shopping outside of Koi Nation's traditional territory and within the territory of other federally recognized tribes, including our Tribe.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** our Tribe respectfully requests to be provided a copy of the Koi Nation's application and to be afforded an opportunity to submit comments and otherwise participate in the Department's regulatory review process.

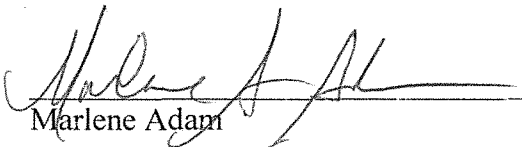
#### **CERTIFICATION**

We the undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing Tribal Council Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the General Council of the Tribe on the 12th day of February, 2022, at a General Council meeting at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 41 for, 0 opposed, and 6 abstaining, and that said Tribal Council Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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