



**RESOLUTION NO. 1216-04**  
**BIG SANDY RANCHERIA DNA TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS**  
**APPLICANTS**

**WHEREAS:** The Big Sandy Rancheria Band of Western Mono Indians is a sovereign Tribe, recognized by the Secretary of the Interior and possessing power of Tribal self-governance; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Big Sandy Tribal Council is the governing body; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Council is responsible for promoting the health, safety, education, and general welfare of all Tribal community members; and

**WHEREAS:** the Tribal Members of Big Sandy Rancheria have expressed concern about the membership of Big Sandy Rancheria; and

**WHEREAS:** the Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Council held a Special Election regarding the DNA Testing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the result of the Special Election held on September 14, 2016 has been tallied and verified, and the Tribal Members voted that there should be a policy to require DNA Testing of applicants claiming lineage through their father.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Council has verified the results and will apply the following policy to Tribal Members beginning January 1, 2017:

- New Tribal Member applicants will be required to submit DNA results from a certified lab to prove their lineage through their father.
- The cost of the DNA testing will be the responsibility of the applicant.



**CERTIFICATION**

The Tribal Council of the Big Sandy Rancheria hereby certifies the Resolution at a duly called meeting on December 18, 2016 with 4 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

Elizabeth D. Kipp  
Elizabeth D. Kipp, Chairperson

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Regina Riley, Secretary

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