

*Joint Declaration of Mutual Recognition, Friendship and Cooperation
By and Between the Modoc Nation and the Pit River Tribe
(Ajumawi – Atsugewi Nation)*



Be it known to all persons by these presents that in accordance with the will of their peoples, the duly elected and authorized representatives of the Modoc Nation and the Pit River Tribe (Ajumawi - Atsugewi Nation) have come together at the Lava Beds National Monument on June 19, 2010 and, in the spirit of mutual friendship and understanding, affirm and agree as follows:

- 1. That both nations mutually and officially recognize that each government that is a party and signatory to this Declaration is the sole, legitimate government of its respective nation and people.*
- 2. That both nations declare their mutual determination to maintain relations between them at the highest levels of friendship, understanding and respect for the dignity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of their respective nations.*
- 3. That both nations pledge to work together in a cooperative manner to address matters of mutual concern and benefit, including but not limited to:*
 - a. full political recognition of each nation by federal, state and local governments;*
 - b. enjoyment and exercise of all rights and powers arising from the inherent sovereignty with which the Creator has blessed the people of each nation, including but not limited to: self-governance; preservation and development of each nation's unique tribal identity, culture and cultural resources; and jurisdiction over each nation's respective ancestral lands and natural resources;*
 - c. mutual economic development, consistent with the recognition of each nation's right to self-determination;*
 - d. return of legal title to or beneficial control over and use of each nation's respective ancestral lands and natural resources;*
 - e. regional environmental, ecosystem and/or climate issues that affect the political, economic, cultural, or spiritual interests of either or both nations;*
 - f. legislation and/or administrative rulemaking that affect the political, economic, cultural, or spiritual interests of either or both nations; and*
 - g. regional intertribal treaties that protect and/or advance the political, economic, cultural, or spiritual interests of both nations.*

Signed and sealed by the smoking of the ceremonial sacred pipe and the mutual exchange of gifts on this nineteenth day of June, 2010:

For the Modoc Nation

For the Pit River Tribe (Ajumawi - Atsugewi Nation)

/S/ Jeff Kelley

/S/ Juan Venegas

Chief Executive

Juan Venegas, Vice-Chairperson