**RESOLUTION NO. 25-\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SISKIYOU COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING THE BOARD’S INTENT TO CHANGE THE NAMES OF CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS CONTAINING THE TERM “SQUAW” AND TO SET THE TIME AND DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ROAD NAME CHANGES**

**WHEREAS,** on September 23, 2022, State Assembly Bill (AB) 2022 (Ramos) was signed into law, adding Chapter 17 (commencing with Section 8899.90) to Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, which, in the findings of the bill, declared the term “squaw” (“Sq\_”) to be a “racist and derogatory term”, and mandates the removal of this term from geographic features and place names by January 1, 2025; and  
 **WHEREAS,** through the State of California Natural Resources Agency and it’s California Advisory Committee on Geographical Names (CAGN), AB 2022 requires Siskiyou County to no longer replace signs, interpretive markers, or any other marker or printed material with the discontinued name containing the word “Sq\_” and to ensure that map updates and sign replacements use the new name; and  
  
**WHEREAS,** in compliance with AB 2022, Siskiyou County has identified two county-maintained roads, Squaw Valley Road #1N01 and Squaw Valley Loop Road #1N031, as containing the term “Sq\_” and therefore subject to renaming in accordance with state law; and  
  
**WHEREAS,** Section 8899.94 of the Government Code requires the consultation of Native American tribes and directs state and local authorities to identify and replace offensive geographic names in collaboration with relevant stakeholders; and  
  
**WHEREAS,** through consultation with local native American tribes, the following new names were provided for consideration;

For Squaw Valley Road: Wintu Tribe Meaning:

1. Chali Mem Road…………….….“Good Water”
2. Chali Memton Road…………....“Good Water Place”
3. Boychalimemton Road……..…..”Lots of Good Water Place”;

For Squaw Valley Loop Road: Wintu Tribe Meaning:

1. Chali Mem Paniik Road………..“Good Water Encircle”
2. Chali Memton Paniik Road…….“Good Water Place Encircle”
3. Boychalimemton Paniik Road….“Lots of Good Water Place Encircle”  
     
   **WHEREAS,** the above listed proposed new road names have received approval from the State of California Natural Resources Agency and its California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names (CAGN) for consideration; and  
     
   **WHEREAS,** the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors is authorized under Section 970.5 of the Streets and Highways Code and other applicable laws to change the names of county roads, streets, and highways within its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Supervisors is required to hold a public hearing prior to adopting a resolution to officially rename county roads, streets, or highways;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare its intent to rename Squaw Valley Road to either Chali Mem Road, Chali Memton Road or Boychalimemton Road and Squaw Valley Loop Road to either Chali Mem Paniik Road, Chali Memton Paniik Road or Boychalimemton Paniik Road; and  
  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors hereby sets the public hearing on this matter to be held on May 6, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., in the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors’ Chambers; and  
  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to post notice of the public hearing in at least three public places along the affected roads at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing date, pursuant to applicable law including Streets and Highways Code Section 970.5; and  
  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors shall take action at the public hearing to adopt a final resolution to officially rename the identified roads in compliance with AB 2022, Government Code Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 17, and the Streets and Highways Code.  
  
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors this 15th Day of April, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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NANCY OGREN

Chair, Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors   
  
ATTEST:

LAURA BYNUM  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

By\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Deputy