RESOLUTION OF THE PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY.

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CERTIFICATION

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