

The Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation

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Res. # 70-19

A RESOLUTION

THE CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE HAS THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY OR DISASTER WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE ROCKY BOY'S INDIAN RESERVATION. THE CHIPPEWA AND CREE LANGUAGES OF THE ROCKY BOY INDIAN RESERVATION ARE IN DECLINE AND HAVE REACHED DANGEROUSLY LOW NUMBERS OF FLUENT SPEAKERS AND REQUIRE A STATE OF EMERGENCY TO BEGIN REVITALIZATION AND RESTORATION EFFORTS RESERVATION-WIDE

WHEREAS, the Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee is the governing body of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation, Montana, by the authority of the Constitution and by-Laws of the Chippewa Cree Tribe approved on the 23rd day of November, 1935; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to their inherent sovereignty and Constitution and By-Law of the Chippewa Cree Tribe, the Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee is charged with the duty to promote and protect the health, security, and general welfare of the Chippewa Cree Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee recognize that natural and man-made hazards directly impact the safety and well being of Tribal residents within the exterior boundaries of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the founding members of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation sought a home base to practice and perpetuate the languages, ceremonies, customs and beliefs of the Chippewa and Cree Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa and Cree languages are considered to be living beings and need to be cared for, nurtured, and protected, and

WHEREAS, numbers for fluent speakers for both the Chippewa and Cree Languages have reached an all-time low, ultimately endangering the languages as a whole while compromising the identity of future generations of the tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee recognizes that efforts to Revitalize and Restore the Chippewa and Cree Languages is necessary and must begin immediately; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED that the Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee declares a state of emergency within the exterior boundaries of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation and emergency efforts to revitalize the Chippewa and Cree languages shall be implemented immediately, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chippewa Cree Business Committee recognizes Mahchiwminahnahtik as a not for profit organization established to preserve and perpetuate the Chippewa and Cree languages and cultures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chippewa Cree Business Committee authorizes Mahchiwminahnahtik to acquire, secure, and utilize the tribal information possessed by the Western Heritage Foundation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee allocate \$108,000.00 to Mahchiwminahnahtik to fund the first year of revitalization efforts, to include a preliminary damage assessment report for the languages due within 6 months of transferring the funds, and

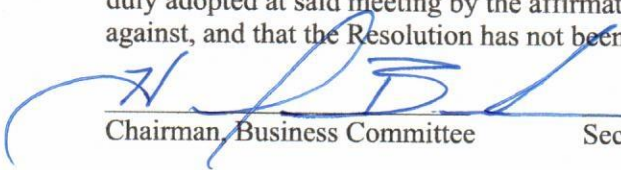
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chippewa Cree Business Committee recognizes the value and initiatives of Mahchiwminahnahtik and will make annual financial contributions to fund Mahchiwminahnahtik at the discretion of the Chippewa Cree Business Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chippewa Cree Business Committee recognizes and supports tribal entity engagement of Mahchiwminahnahtik's plan to create and maintain audio and video recordings of the Chippewa and Cree languages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chippewa Cree Business Committee authorizes tribal entity engagement, so long as the mission of the tribal entity is not jeopardized in doing so, with implementing a community wide curriculum to preserve and perpetuate the Chippewa and Cree languages and culture.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary/Treasurer of the Business Committee of the Chippewa Cree Tribe certify that the Business Committee is composed of nine (9) members of whom nine (9) members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 8th day of August 2019, and the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of eight (8) members for and zero (0) members against, and that the Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.


Chairman, Business Committee


Secretary/Treasurer, Business Committee