



Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION
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TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. SWO-19-105

Support the Earth Lodge Building Efforts of Makoce Iki cupi and Agree that these Cultural Dwellings should be Exempt from Minnesota Building Codes

- WHEREAS,** The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate is organized under a Constitution and By-laws adopted by the members of the Tribe on August 1-2, 1966, and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on August 25, 1966, and last amended effective November 15, 2006; and
- WHEREAS,** The Constitution ARTICLE III, Section 1, states that, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate shall be governed by a Council, and ARTICLE VII, Section 1, states that, the Council shall have the following powers: (a) to represent the Tribe in all negotiations with Federal, State and local governments; (b) to acquire, own, use, manage, lease and otherwise encumber and to dispose of Tribal property, both real and personal, wherever situated; (c) to engage in any business that will further the economic development of the Tribe and its Members, and to use Tribal funds or other resources for such purposes; (d) to make rules governing the relationship of the members of the Tribe, to Tribal property, and to one another as members of the Tribe; (e) to hire employees and agents, including legal counsel, directly or as independent contractors, and to compensate them for their services; (f) to deposit Tribal funds to the credit of the Tribe, without limitations of the amount in any account; (g) to take any action by ordinance, resolution, or otherwise which are reasonably necessary through committees, boards, agents or otherwise, to carry into effect the for-going purposes; (h) to promote public health, education, charity, and such other services as may contribute to the social advancement of the members of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate; (i) adopt resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal Council, its officials and committees in the conduct of Tribal Affairs; and
- WHEREAS,** Oceti Sakowin (Seven Campfires including the Dakota, Lakota, Nakota) People are the Original People of Minisota Makoce and lived on this land for thousands of years; and
- WHEREAS,** Oceti Sakowin Tribal governments today are committed to the continuation and revitalization of our cultural traditions; and
- WHEREAS,** We have an inherent right to practice our cultural traditions within our ancestral homeland; and
- WHEREAS,** Earth lodge building is one of our ancient cultural tradition and this cultural tradition is far older than the building tradition and codes of the State of Minnesota; and

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WHEREAS, Oceti Sakowin People should not be required to adhere to regulations inappropriate for this cultural tradition.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Council of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation hereby supports Makoce Ikkicupi's efforts to recover homeland and practice our cultural traditions, including earth lodge building; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tribal Council of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation hereby fully support the efforts of Makoce Ikkicupi earth lodge building and agree these cultural dwellings should be exempt from the Minnesota building codes because they do not apply.

CERTIFICATION

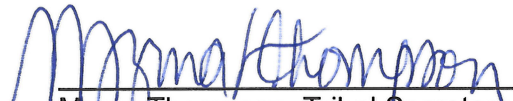
We, the Undersigned duly elected Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Council, which is composed of 10 members (representing a total of 15 Tribal Council weighted votes and two Executive Committee votes for a total of 17 votes) of whom 10 constituting a quorum, were present at a Tribal Council meeting, duly noticed, called, convened and held at the TiWakan Tio Tipi, Agency Village, South Dakota, November 5, 2019, by a vote of 17 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent from vote, 1 not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 5th day of November 2019.



Donovan White, Tribal Chairman
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

ATTEST:



Myrna Thompson, Tribal Secretary
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

