



# Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

## RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

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### RESOLUTION NO. 01-23

#### **Resolution Supporting Minnesota House of Representatives Proposed Bill HF 274 (Minnesota Senate Companion Bill SF 386)**

The Grand Portage Reservation Tribal Council, on behalf of the Grand Portage Band of Chippewa, enacts the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS,** the Grand Portage Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (the “Band”) is a federally-recognized Indian tribe organized possessing the inherent sovereign authority of an independent government; and

**WHEREAS,** the lawful governing body of the Band is the Reservation Business Committee (also known as the Reservation Tribal Council (“RTC”)) pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution; and

**WHEREAS,** the RTC has the inherent authority and responsibility to take action to protect the health, well-being, and general welfare of the Band, its members, and the Reservation community; and

**WHEREAS,** HF 274 (Companion SF 386) was recently introduced during the State of Minnesota’s 93<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session (2023-2024) to establish a State Emblems Redesign Commission (“Commission”), which has the purpose of “develop[ing], design[ing], and recommend[ing] to the legislature and the governor new designs for the official state flag and the official state seal” according to the current proposed legislation; and

**WHEREAS,** to ensure that voices of indigenous communities within Minnesota are included in the redesign efforts, HF 274 requires the Commission to include a representative from the Dakota community and a representative from the Ojibwe community appointed by the executive board of the Indian Affairs Council; and

**WHEREAS,** the RTC desires to formally support HF 274 because indigenous representation on the Commission is essential to ensure that Minnesota’s state flag and state seal incorporate indigenous perspectives, values, and history, and accurately and respectfully reflect the true shared history and cultural diversity of the State of Minnesota.

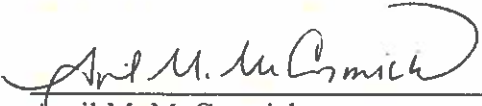
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the RTC hereby formally supports HF 274 and encourages all state legislators to vote in favor of the legislation.



### CERTIFICATION

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and enacted upon by a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 silent, at a special meeting of the Reservation Tribal Council, a quorum being present, held on February 3, 2023.

  
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Robert F. Deschampe  
Chairman

  
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April M. McCormick  
Secretary/Treasurer