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### Upper Sioux Community Resolution No. 035-FY2020 (Earthen Lodge Building Code Exemption)

- WHEREAS, the Upper Sioux Community – Pezihutazizi Oyate is a federally recognized Indian Nation bordering the counties of Yellow Medicine and Chippewa of the state of Minnesota and possessing its powers of self-government, self-determination and asserting its Sovereignty by the Constitution of the Upper Sioux Community; and
- WHEREAS, the Upper Sioux Community is governed by the Board of Trustees of the Upper Sioux Community which is empowered by the Tribal Constitution to act on behalf of, and in the best interests of, the members of the Upper Sioux Community; and
- WHEREAS, the Dakota Culture and teachings have provided for our people for thousands of years across all of our homelands; and
- WHEREAS, these teachings are still relevant and practical to the Dakota people today; and
- WHEREAS, our ability to live in harmony with the natural processes for thousands of years is reflective of the suitability and soundness of the shelters that have been used to ensure our survival; and
- WHEREAS, it is our belief that the manner in which we choose to live our lives in our ancestral homelands should not be subject to the interpretation of the European immigrant as to what constitutes suitable shelter; and
- WHEREAS, if that were not the case, we would have succumbed to the natural forces that govern all our lands long ago; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Upper Sioux Community Board of Trustees does hereby support that our traditional dwellings be acknowledged as exempt from any and all building codes and requirements of the State of Minnesota; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Upper Sioux Community Board of Trustees does hereby support the efforts of Waziyatawin; a member of the Pezihutazizi Dakota, to construct and occupy a traditional earthen lodge dwelling within the historic homelands of the Dakota People, free from interference from State and local codes and regulations that cannot be applied to traditional Dakota dwellings.

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### CERTIFICATION

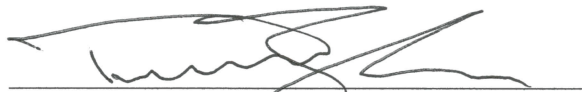
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We, the undersigned officers of the Tribal Council, known as the Board of Trustees, do hereby certify that the foregoing Governing Resolution entitled **Upper Sioux Community Resolution No. 035-FY2020** was duly adopted and approved by the Tribal Council on \_\_\_\_\_ by a vote of \_\_\_\_ For, \_\_\_\_ Against, \_\_\_\_ Abstentions and \_\_\_\_ Absent and Excused.



Kevin Jensvold, Tribal Chairman

*Attest:*



Tremayne Blue, Tribal Secretary

