



Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Reservation Business Committee

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RESOLUTION #1038/23

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

The Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee, on behalf of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, hereby enacts the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa are a sovereign people, who occupy the Fond du Lac Reservation and retain their aboriginal rights of self-government and self-determination pursuant to the Treaty of LaPointe of September 30, 1854, 10 Stat. 1109; the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. § 461 et seq.; the common law of the United States; and as recognized by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of September 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, it is the sovereign obligation of the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee, as the duly-constituted governing body of the Fond du Lac Band, to exercise the responsibilities of self-government and management over the Band's affairs; and

WHEREAS, HF 274 (Companion SF 386) was recently introduced during the State of Minnesota's 93rd 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 Reservation Business Committee 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 RESOLVED, that the Reservation Business Committee hereby formally supports HF 274 and encourages all state legislators to vote in favor of the legislation.

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CERTIFICATION

We do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly presented and acted upon by vote of 7 for, 0 against, 0 silent, with a quorum of 5 being present at a Special Meeting of the Fond du Lac Reservation Business Committee held on February 8, 2023 on the Fond du Lac Reservation.



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