



Bois Forte

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 84-2023

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

WHEREAS, the Bois Forte Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 and operating under the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the lawful governing body of the Band is the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council (“RTC”), which has the inherent authority and responsibility to take action to protect and promote the health, well-being, and general welfare of the Band and its members; 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 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.

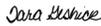
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the RTC hereby formally supports HF 274 and encourages all state legislators to vote in favor of the legislation.

Certification

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and enacted upon by a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, at a meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council, a quorum being present, held on February 13, 2023 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

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