

Red Lake Nation College

“Partnership for Success”

Tax Proposal for 2024 Session



Agenda Topics



- Introduction – Miigwech for your ongoing support!
- Quick Update: **RLNC Operations.**
- New RL Tax Proposal for 2024 Session.
- RLNC: **Mpls. Site Tax Exempt Issue.**



Record RLNC Enrollment

- While many 2Yr. State colleges and Universities are decreasing 10-25% or more, RLNC has record enrollment.
- We grew 25% in 22' & 43% in 23'. Fall 24': 50%+!
- This is due to our Hylfex Class Model and our new Minneapolis Site growing fast. Opening June 6, 2024!
Thanks in part to our Partners – the State of MN!



RLNC Minneapolis Site Update

- Project is proceeding on schedule with 5/1/24 move-in & Grand Opening: 6/6/24. \$16M project. All of you - invited!



Property Tax Issue

- **City/County assessed us \$156+K in property taxes.**
- **Even though we are Tax Exempt in 3 different ways:**
 - 1.) We are a Federal Rec. Indian Tribe, a Sovereign Nation.
Like England or France. Should not be taxed.**
 - 2.) We are an IRS approved, 501c3, College since 2010.**
 - 3.) We are a Non-profit, single-owner entity LLC. MN Law.**
- **We would be ONLY Tribal gov. to be taxed in MN.
We would ONLY College to be taxed in MN.
We would be ONLY Tax-exempt LLC, to be taxed in MN.**

Financial Injustice to be Fixed

- **Our project is transformational & greatly needed our Community.**
- **It slowed down our City Permit process.**
- **Wasting \$3M bond for taxes, not on project, & we are tax exempt.**
- **We might not even be able to spend the \$156K on taxes.**
- **It is preventing us from getting the \$3M, until taxes paid.**

- **City denied our abatement request even though they have the authority to grant it.**
- **City is holding firmly onto State date law of assessing taxes, & avoiding using their abatement powers.**
- **However, the City is helping us get permits to continue.**
- **We asked City & County to hold off on our taxes until Spring 24'.**

Potential Solution: HF 4301 / SF4380

1.) Special Legislation to Abate all Taxes, Fees & Penalties for RLNC.

- According to City, this has been done in past. City is supportive.
- Chair Gomez authored the H-Bill. County is also supportive.

2.) New Legislation to correct this in the future.

- WA State already has a law that offers immediate tax exemption to all Fed., State & Tribal Governments who purchase properties.
- This avoids the issue of Gov. purchasers getting stuck with paying for the tax status of previous owners.

MN Support: MN IS a FULL PARTNER IN OUR SUCCESS



Our \$3M Bonding Bill Request: Provided \$3M to complete construction/renovation of our RLNC Mpls. Site to serve Natives in the Twin Cities.

Tax Exemption Bill Request: HF4301 / SF 4380