

WHITE EARTH RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE
WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
Resolution No. 057-24-005

WHEREAS, the White Earth Reservation was established by treaty with the United States as a permanent home for the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe in 1867 and is 699,520 acres in size, and

WHEREAS, a primary purpose of the White Earth Reservation is to allow Tribal members to continue exercising their traditional hunting, fishing and gathering activities in perpetuity, and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of federal allotment policies, the Band itself now owns less than 10% of its Reservation land and Tribal Members ability to exercise hunting, fishing and gathering rights have been severely circumscribed on non-tribal lands, and

WHEREAS, the state government owns over 155,000 acres of land on and immediately adjacent to the White Earth Reservation, all of which is critical to the exercise of the Tribal Member's federal hunting, fishing and gathering property rights, and

WHEREAS, nearly all of the White Earth State Forest is located within the exterior boundaries of the White Earth Indian Reservation, and

WHEREAS, White Earth State Forest is primarily undeveloped and much of the forest is comprised of northern hardwoods (maple, basswood, red oak, white oak, ironwood, elm, and aspen) and conifers (red pine, white pine, and white spruce), and

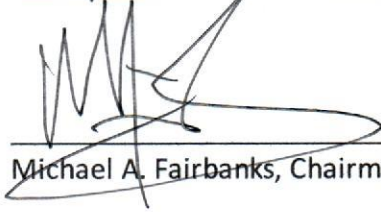
WHEREAS, White Earth Nation's goal is management of the forest resources in an environmentally positive manner for the benefit of present and future generations: to ensure the forestlands on the White Earth State Forest are managed in an environmentally sensitive, sustainable, and economically viable manner and management of the forestland is in balance with conservation of natural, aesthetic, and cultural values, and

WHEREAS, White Earth Nation currently collaborates with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Forest Management Office through co-management activities, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee hereby authorizes the Chairman to formalize the current co-management partnership with the

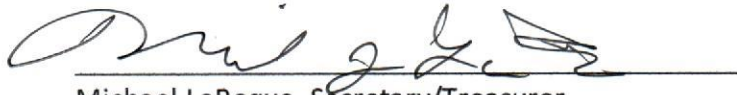
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry in furtherance of the goal of to manage the White Earth State Forest within the next 5-10 years.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 silent, a quorum being present at a special meeting of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee held on November 29, 2023 in Mahnomen, Minnesota.



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Michael A. Fairbanks, Chairman



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Michael LaRoque, Secretary/Treasurer