

**TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE**

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Executive Committee is the duly elected governing body of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, comprised of six member reservations (Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, and White Earth); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Executive Committee is the duly elected governing body of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and is comprised of the Chairpersons and Secretary/Treasurers from the six bands; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Executive Committee is the duly authorized governing body of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and it has the authority to correct the Blood Degrees for all members on the 1941 Base Roll that are ¼ (25%) or more to be corrected to 4/4 (100%) which aligns with the Constitutional standard for enrollment of ¼ (25%); and

WHEREAS, each Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Band's historical documentation that was at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)/Minnesota Agency are now located at the AIRR (American Indian Records Repository) in Lenexa, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the Enrollment Review Committee, comprised of one person from each of the 6 MCT Bands Enrollment Departments and MCT Tribal Operations staff, do not have complete access to these records and are unable to complete their essential functions as a committee, and the BIA is hindering Tribal Enrollment staff from performing historical research, Enrollment appeals, and Blood Correction Research requests; and

WHEREAS, the loss of these Allotment records, documents, Annuity books, and family history does have an impact regarding the MCT Enrollment ordinance dated 7/30/2003, "The purpose of this ordinance is to establish guidelines, rules and an orderly procedure to maintain a current membership roll of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. As an inherent attribute of that sovereign authority the TEC finds that it is necessary and appropriate to enact an ordinance governing enrollment", requesting to revisit this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, III, Definitions: F. "Because of an Error" as used in Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution means an error, which led to failure to file a timely application, including errors in applications, and errors by any Tribal, Band or Federal official; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Executive Committee finds that it is in the best interest of the Tribe to apply policies in enrollment to the greatest extent possible to eliminate problems caused by discrepancies in available blood rolls; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Executive Committee passed Resolution 36-20 on October 30, 2019 that restored full blood status to the 1,089 original allottees including any subsequent discovery of allottees listed as full blood on one blood roll which demonstrated the Tribe's sovereignty to determine enrollment membership; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Resolution is not a Constitutional Amendment as defined under Article XII of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution (Revised); and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it shall be the policy of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to restore full blood status to the Blood Degrees for all members on the 1941 Base Roll that are ¼ (25%) or more to be corrected to 4/4 (100%), and

We do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly presented and acted upon by a vote of ___ for, ___ Against, ___ Silent, at a Regular Meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Executive Committee, a quorum present, held on _____, 2020 at _____, Minnesota.

Catherine J. Chavers, President
THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE

April McCormick, Secretary
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