

**WHITE EARTH RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE  
WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS**

Resolution No. 001-24-040

**WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Tribal Council is the duly elected governing body of the White Earth Reservation pursuant to Article IV, Section I, of the revised constitution and bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, as amended, and organized under Section 16, of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), and

**WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is the duly authorized governing body of the White Earth Band, and

**WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee received a request from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to participate as amicus curiae in support of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)'s denial of the U.S. Steel Corporation's application for a sulfate site-specific standard, and

**WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee determined joining as amicus curiae in support of MPCA's denial continues to safeguard the treaty protected and culturally significant wild rice or Manoomin, now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the White Earth Reservation Business Committee hereby approves the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe joining as amicus curiae, and authorizes the White Earth Legal Department to take necessary actions in coordination with Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, other amici, and/or their delegates to further this goal.

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 regular meeting of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee held on March 29, 2024 in Mahnomen, Minnesota.

  
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Michael A. Fairbanks, Chairman

  
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Michael LaRoque, Secretary/Treasurer