

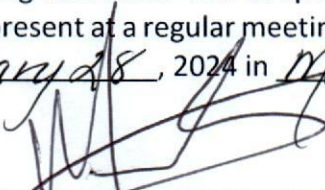
WHITE EARTH RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE
WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
Resolution No. 001-24-027

- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is the duly elected governing body of the White Earth Reservation pursuant to Article VI, Section 1, of the revised constitution 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 Lower Sioux Indian Community ("LSIC") for *amicus* support in its appeal of decisions stemming from cases heard in the Redwood County district court. These decisions incorrectly concluded that Congress abrogated tribal sovereign immunity in Public Law 280, and
- WHEREAS,** on review from the White Earth Legal Department, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee agrees with the LSIC that the decisions from the Redwood County cases are erroneous and contrary to established law that waivers of sovereign immunity must be unequivocally expressed, and
- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee believes it is important to all tribes in Minnesota that the law is accurate regarding when tribal sovereign immunity is waived, and therefore offers its support to the Lower Sioux Indian Community as *amicus curiae* on its appeals of the Redwood County decisions, now

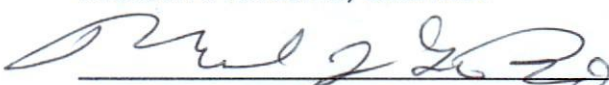
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the White Earth Reservation Business Committee hereby approves the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to support as *amicus curiae* the Lower Sioux Indian Community in its appeals of the Redwood County decisions specifically regarding the abrogation of tribal sovereign immunity under Public Law 280, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the White Earth Reservation Business Committee hereby authorizes the White Earth Legal Department to take necessary actions in coordination with LSIC, other *amici*, and/or their delegates to further the goal of providing this support.

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 February 28, 2024 in Wahnomen, Minnesota.



Michael A. Fairbanks, Chairman



Michael LaRoque, Secretary/Treasurer