



INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 12042025_03

REQUEST FOR STATE FUNDING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A 40-BED NON-SECURE JUVENILE/PRTF FACILITY

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council Membership consists of representatives of 10 of the 11 federally-recognized Indian Tribes located within the State of Minnesota, members of the legislature, commissioners from the state department, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council is a liaison between the state and local units of government in the delivery of services to American Indians in the State of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, American Indian populations are often identified by the various federal and state agencies as a minority and smallest ethnic group in the United States, and

WHEREAS, American Indian people are citizens of, or descendants of citizens of sovereign nations, and possess a unique political status that is not racial or ethnic in nature, and

WHEREAS, there is inadequate capacity across Minnesota's continuum of care to support children with high-acuity, complex, and/or co-occurring conditions, including violent or sexually inappropriate behavior and significant physical health challenges, and

WHEREAS, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs) play a critical role in serving children and youth under the age of 21 with severe mental health needs and aggression, as part of this continuum, and

WHEREAS, currently only four PRTF facilities are operational in Minnesota, offering a total of 166 beds, which is insufficient to meet the growing needs of children with serious and complex mental health conditions, and

WHEREAS, the demand for additional PRTF beds across Minnesota is urgent to ensure children receive timely and appropriate care, and

WHEREAS, equitable distribution of PRTF beds throughout the state is essential to provide children with proximity to their home communities, families, and local service providers, and

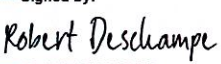
WHEREAS, Clay County is committed to addressing this critical gap in mental health services by establishing a PRTF in partnership with a qualified service provider for the delivery of these essential services, and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Minnesota Legislature provided state funding of \$1.2 million to support the remodeling of the existing non-secure juvenile facility at the West Central Regional Juvenile Center (WCRJC) in Moorhead into an 18-bed Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF); and

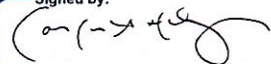
WHEREAS, Clay County now seeks additional state-appropriated funding of \$28.38 million through the Governor's budget and grants from the Commissioner of Human Services to predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip a new 40-bed non-secure juvenile facility within Clay County to replace the existing non-secure unit being remodeled into a PRTF, ensuring continued regional capacity for court-ordered and treatment-based non-secure juvenile placements, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Indian affairs Council, and hereby extends support of the Clay County Board of Commissioners request Minnesota state funds to support the development of a new 40-bed non-secure juvenile facility in Clay County, which will allow for the remodel of the existing non-secure facility into a 18-bed PRTF, maintaining vital juvenile service capacity while expanding access to specialized psychiatric residential treatment for youth with complex mental health needs across the region.

CERTIFICATION: We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and acted upon by a vote of 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent at Regular Meeting of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, a quorum present, held on December 5th, 2025 at Jackpot Junction, Crossed Arrows Ballroom, Morton, MN 56527

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Robert. Deschampe, Chairman
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