



RESOLUTION 12042025_01

University of Minnesota Duluth Tribal Sovereignty Institute

Whereas, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council Membership consists of representatives of the federally-recognized Indian Tribes located within the State of Minnesota, members of the legislature, and commissioners from state departments, and

Whereas, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council serves as a continuing liaison between state governmental bodies and elected tribal leaders, and

Whereas, the mission of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council is to protect the sovereignty of the eleven Tribal Nations within Minnesota and to ensure the well-being of American Indian citizens throughout the state of Minnesota, and

Whereas, the University of Minnesota Duluth Tribal Sovereignty Institute was established in 2012 based on consultation with Tribal leadership in Minnesota, and

Whereas, the mission of the Tribal Sovereignty Institute is to promote Tribal sovereignty through education, outreach, research, Tribal consultation, and partnerships with Native Nations, and

Whereas, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council acts as the Advisory Board for the TSI pursuant to Council resolutions passed in 2015, 2016 and 2017, and

Whereas, the Tribal Sovereignty Institute is an integral partner that has since 2013 collaborated with the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council and the State of Minnesota to plan, coordinate, and deliver the Tribal State Relations Training Program under two past Executive Orders and now pursuant to MINN. STAT. 10.65 Subd. 3 (j), and

Whereas, the Tribal Sovereignty Institute contributes subject matter expertise, neutral third-party facilitation, and essential administrative service to the Tribal State Relations Training Program;

Now therefore be it resolved that, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council continue to serve as the Advisory Board to the Tribal Sovereignty Institute so long as the Council sees fit, and

Be it further resolved that, the Tribal Sovereignty Institute will present reports on Institute activities to the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council at least annually and as often as the Council requests, and

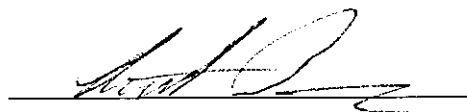
Be it further resolved that, the Tribal Sovereignty Institute continue to be based on the Duluth campus of the University of Minnesota and administered by the UMD Department of American Indian Studies, and

Be it further resolved that, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council respectfully requests that the University of Minnesota properly fund and sustain the Tribal Sovereignty Institute as part of the University's land grant mission and obligations to Indian Tribes, and

Be it further resolved that, the Tribal Sovereignty Institute continue to serve and be regarded as an integral partner in planning, coordinating, and delivering the Tribal State Relations Training Program as it has since the inception of the Program, and

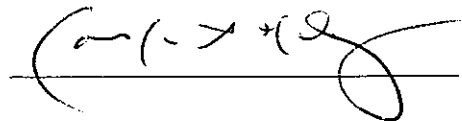
Be it further resolved that, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council respectfully requests that the State of Minnesota properly fund the Tribal State Relations Training Program and that the program be made available to participants from Counties, other governmental units, and educators within the State of Minnesota.

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 04, 2025, at Cansayapi, (Lower Sioux Indian Community) Morton, Minnesota.



Robert Deschampe, Chairman

Minnesota Indian Affairs Council



Carlos Hernandez, Vice Chairman

Minnesota Indian Affairs Council