

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

RESOLUTION NO:

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PERTAINING TO:

- WHEREAS: the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized under a constitution adopted April 18, 1936, and approved June 1, 1936, pursuant to Sec. 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act, said Constitution having been amended by the Band on January 28, 1991, and said amendments approved by the Secretary on July 2, 1991, in accordance with the provisions of applicable federal law;
- WHEREAS: We, the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians are a sovereign nation with natural, inherent rights and liberties, including the right to health, happiness and the pursuit thereof and;
- WHEREAS: The Red Cliff Tribal Council is the governing body of the Tribe, and entrusted to defend, protect and promote the general health and welfare of the Tribal Membership, our descendants, the Red Cliff community and the lands within the exterior boundaries of the Red Cliff Indian Reservation and the Ceded Territories and;
- WHEREAS: It has become general knowledge that an epidemic of drugs – both illegal and prescription – and other harmful intoxicating substances, has become prevalent throughout not only the Red Cliff Indian Reservation but likewise, in other Indian and non-Indian communities across the state and country and;
- WHEREAS: This epidemic has jeopardized the health and safety of our Tribal Members, descendants and their families, and has already caused the loss of health, property and life, and threatens our way of life and existence and;
- WHEREAS: The negative social impact this drug epidemic has had on the Red Cliff community has placed a special burden on our children and their right to a healthy, safe environment in which to grow and flourish and;
- WHEREAS: The first step in combating this epidemic and the related issues is acknowledging and admitting this epidemic exists, and that it has brought pain and destruction to our Membership and community and;
- WHEREAS: We understand that as Anishinabe People, we are all human, prone to err, yet capable of achieving greatness and;
- WHEREAS: Our culture, heritage and identity provides the foundation and roadmap for our success and ways-of-being, and that many of the answers to our problems lie therein and;

WHEREAS: The Tribe looks to address this epidemic using a holistic approach to healing, which includes employing contemporary western treatment practices as well as traditional Anishinabe cultural teachings/belief systems and methods and;

WHEREAS: The Red Cliff Tribal Council, in our duties and commitment to protecting the health, safety and general welfare of our Tribal Membership, descendants, community members and guests and visitors to the Red Cliff Reservation, must act immediately and decisively against the drug epidemic to ensure the health, safety and future of our Tribe, and;

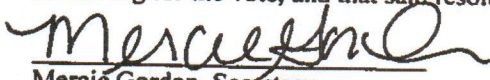
WHEREAS: Any Tribal Member or descendant who is suffering from addiction is strongly encouraged to seek help immediately in the form of treatment to achieve health wellness through the various services offered by the Tribe or other resources or agencies before arrest, conviction and/or harm to self or other(s) and;

WHEREAS: The Red Cliff Tribal Council and Tribal Programs are committed to the ones that suffer with addictions and their families and to support the efforts of recovery and promote the path to wellness, as we are all entitled to;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Red Cliff Tribal Council, in accordance with our duties and authority, hereby acknowledges the ongoing drug epidemic within and outside of the Red Cliff Indian Reservation and stands vehemently opposed to the illegal use, trade, delivery and/or commerce of any illegal drug, mind-altering chemical or substance. This includes the illegal trade or unauthorized use of legal prescription medications, and declares that the Red Cliff Tribal Police Department, Tribal Court and other legal resources under the Tribe's authority and control will proactively enforce and protect the integrity, health and wellbeing of our Nation through strict adherence and enforcement of criminal drug laws and ordinances with the assistance of outside law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to criminal prosecution and banishment of offenders from Tribal lands. The Red Cliff Band, its Tribal Police Department and assisting law enforcement agencies will be conducting both open-air and clandestine anti-drug operations as one part of a multi-tiered approach to eradicating this epidemic from our people and lands, and further commit to the health, safety and wellbeing of our Tribal Members, descendants and families.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Red Cliff Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the council is composed of nine members (9), of whom 9 were present at a meeting duly called, convened and held this 28 day of March, 2017, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 8 members for, 0 against, and 0 members abstaining for the vote, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in anyway.


Mercie Gordon, Secretary
Red Cliff Tribal Council