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WHITE EARTH RESERVATION TRIBAL COUNCIL A/K/A WHITE EARTH BUSINESS COMMITTEE WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS Resolution No. DIG-17-004

- WHEREAS, the White Earth Reservation Tribal Council 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 Tribal Council, also known as the White Earth Reservation Business Committee, is the duly authorized governing body of the White Earth Band, and
- WHEREAS, the White Earth Reservation RBC supports and believes in the rights of the members and providing a fair and equitable due process pursuant to Article XIII of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe constitution, as amended, while protecting the entirety of the White Earth Band, and
- WHEREAS, the White Earth Reservation RBC has enacted the White Earth Band of Chippewa Judicial Code on November 3, 1997 to fulfill this purpose through the authority of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution, as amended, Article VI, sec. 1, (d), and
- WHEREAS, the White Earth Judicial Code has governed the White Earth Tribal Court since 1997 without amendment, and has issued an order raising questions of White Earth Reservation's sovereign immunity, and
- WHEREAS, the RBC hereby finds and concludes that the White Earth Tribal Court does not have the authority to interpret or direct the White Earth RBC with respect to the RBC's authority granted through the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution, as amended, Article VI, section 1, (d), and
- WHEREAS, the RBC previously enacted resolutions 019-04-002, 019-11-002 and 019-14-003, and said resolutions were not properly grounded in the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution, and were therefore, not authorized by the Constitution, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the White Earth RBC hereby rescinds resolutions 019-04-002, 019-11-002, and 019-14-003, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the White Earth RBC will take all necessary action to review and recommend, by ordinance, revisions to the White Earth Band of Chippewa Judicial Code to protect the integrity of the White Earth Tribal Court, now

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the RBC will take direction from the larger effort by the tribal membership and the TEC pertaining to the authority of the Tribal Court to adjudicate cases involving tribal members and the tribal government.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a vote of 3 for, 0
against, silent, a quorum being present at a special meeting of the White Earth Reservation
Tribal Council held on September 18, 2017 in White Earth, Minnesota.
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Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts, Chairman
Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer
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