



BLACKFEET NATION

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RESOLUTION

Supporting 2025 Montana State ICWA Legislation

No. 113-2025

- WHEREAS,** The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council is the duly constituted governing body within the exterior boundaries of the Blackfeet Indian Nation pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws for the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, 1935 and amendments thereof, and
- WHEREAS,** Article VI - Powers of the Council, (a) To negotiate with the Federal, State, and local Governments on behalf of the tribe and to advise and consult with the representatives of the Interior Department on all activities of the Department that may affect the Blackfeet Tribe, and
- WHEREAS,** The Indian Law Section of the Montana Bar wishes to enact a state version of the Indian Child Welfare Act ("ICWA"), which was enacted in 1978 to stop the widespread removal of Indian Children from their families, homes, and tribal communities, and
- WHEREAS,** The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council believes it is in the best interest of Blackfeet children to be protected from harm and to prevent the unnecessary trauma that occurs when children are removed from their family, culture, and community, and
- WHEREAS,** The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council acknowledges that tribes and tribal communities, state governments, members of Congress, national and legal organizations, and thousands of Native American individuals have supported

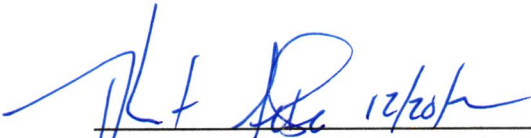
ICWA as an essential and effective policy that protects the best interests of Native American children, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council supports the Montana Indian Child Welfare Act legislation, in order to preserve for us and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our nations, to preserve cultural values, and to promote stable placements for Blackfeet children in loving, permanent homes, connected to their families and our culture.
2. The Chairman, or Vice-Chairman in the Chairman's absence, and Secretary of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council are hereby authorized to sign this Resolution and any other documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

ATTEST:

**THE BLACKFEET TRIBE OF THE
BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION**



PATRICK D. ARMSTRONG, JR.
 Secretary




RODNEY GERVAIS, JR.
 Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council in a duly called noticed and convened Special Session assembled for business the 18th day of December, 2024 with Six (6) members present to constitute a quorum and by a vote of Six (6) For, Zero (0) Opposed and Zero (0) Abstained.

(SEAL)



PATRICK D. ARMSTRONG, JR., Secretary
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council