

# The Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation

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No. 129-24

## RESOLUTION SUPPORT OF THE STATE ICWA LEGISLATION

**WHEREAS**, the Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee is the governing body of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, Montana, by authority of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Chippewa Cree Tribe approved on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1935, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to their inherent sovereignty and Constitution and By-Laws of the CCTBC is charged with the duty to promote and protect the health, security and general welfare of the Chippewa Cree Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indian Law Section of the Montana Bar Association wishes to enact a state version of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), which was federal enacted in 1978 to stop the widespread removal of Indian children from their families, homes, and Tribal communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee believes it is in the best interest of Chippewa Cree 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 Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee acknowledge 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee affirms that all resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency,

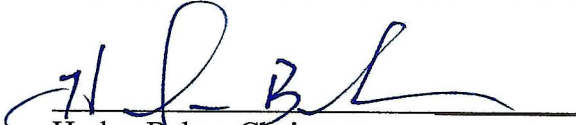
### **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee supports the legislation of the Montana Indian Child Welfare Act, 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 Chippewa Cree children in loving, permanent homes, connected to their families and our culture.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Chippewa Cree Tribal Business Committee is hereby delegated the authority and responsibility to sign all documents necessary to effect this action.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, AS SECRETARY/TREASURER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE FOR THE CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF NINE MEMBERS, OF WHOM EIGHT ( 8 ) MEMBERS CONSTITUTING A QUORUM WERE PRESENT AT A MEETING, DULY AND REGULARLY CALLED, NOTICED, CONVENED AND HELD ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024, AND THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS FULLY ADOPTED AT SUCH MEETING BY THE VOTE OF SEVEN ( 7 ) MEMBERS FOR AND ZERO ( 0 ) MEMBERS AGAINST AND ZERO ( 0 ) MEMBERS ABSTAINED, AND THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS NOT BEEN RESCINDED OR AMENDED IN ANY WAY.



Harlan Baker, Chairman  
Chippewa Cree Tribe



Chassidy Parisian, Secretary/Treasurer  
Chippewa Cree Tribe