

RESOLUTION #32-1270-2025-01

**TRIBAL GOVERNMENT
Constitutional Reform**

WHEREAS, the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board is the duly elected body representing the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation and is empowered to act on behalf of the Tribes. All actions shall be adherent to provisions set forth in the 1960 Constitution and By-Laws, and

WHEREAS, the Indian Law Section of the Montana Bar wishes to enact a state version of the Indian Child Welfare Act ("ICWA", 25 USC Secs. 1901-63), which was enacted in 1978 to stop the widespread removal of Indian children from their families, homes, and tribal communities and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board believes it is in the best interest of the Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes' 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 Executive Board 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

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board 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 Assiniboine & Sioux children in loving, permanent homes, connected to their families and our culture, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board is hereby delegated the authority and responsibility to sign all documents necessary to effect this action.

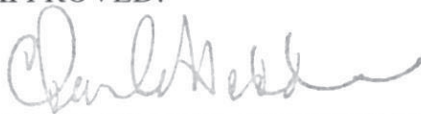
CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Secretary/Accountant of the Tribal Executive Board of the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Executive Board is composed of 12 voting members of whom 12 constituting a quorum were present at a Special Board meeting duly convened this 13th day of January 2025 and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 11 for, 0 opposed, and 1 absent.



Secretary Accountant/Secretary

APPROVED:



Chairman/Vice Chairman
Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board

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WHEREAS, Senator Windy Boy is requesting support for the Tribal Executive Board's support of the continued enactment of a state version of the Indian Child Welfare Act ("ICWA", 25 USC Secs. 1901-63), which was enacted in 1978 to stop the widespread removal of Indian children from their families, homes, and tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board believes it is in the best interest of the Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes' 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 Executive Board 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 IT BE RESOLVED, the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board supports the 2025 legislative amendments to 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 Assiniboine & Sioux children in loving, permanent homes, connected to their families and our culture.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board hereby delegates the authority and responsibility to the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, or his designee, to sign all documents or provide testimony necessary to effect this action.

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