

**TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE
NORTHERN CHEYENNE INDIAN RESERVATION
LAME DEER, MONTANA**

RESOLUTION NO. DOI – 076 (2025)

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THE LEGISLATION OF THE MONTANA INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT.

WHEREAS; the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council is the governing body of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation by the authority of pursuant to the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe as approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 31st, 1996; and

WHEREAS; the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council is empowered under Article IV, Section 1, parts (m & q) to administer charity and to protect the general welfare of the Tribe, and to provide for the appointment of guardians for minors and incompetents by ordinance or resolution; 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 Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council believes it is in the best interest of the Northern Cheyenne 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 Tribal 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 that the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council 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 Northern Cheyenne children in loving, permanent homes, connected to their families and our culture.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council by 8 votes for passage and adoption, 0 votes against passage and adoption, and 0 abstentions on this 8th day of January 2025.

ATTEST:


Edina Redstar, Secretary
Northern Cheyenne Tribe


Gene Small, President
Northern Cheyenne Tribe