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In Reply Refer To:
Executive Direction

April 21, 2014

Honorable John Blackhawk, Chairman
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
P.O. Box 687
Winnebago, NE. 68071

Resolution No.: 2014-75

Dear Chairman Blackhawk:

This is to acknowledge receipt of resolution 2014-75, which was received in this office on April 21, 2014.

A copy of the resolution will be maintained here at this agency for future reference, with copies to the Branch of Realty, and the Office of the Special Trustee, Winnebago Agency, for informational purposes.

The original will be returned to the tribe for their files and action.

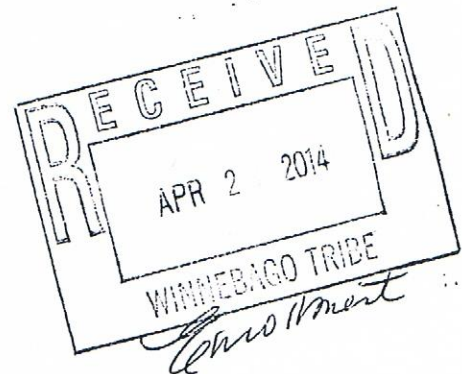
If you have any questions, please contact me at the Winnebago Agency, my telephone number is (402) 878-2502.

Sincerely,

Ernest F. Pourier
Acting Superintendent

Enclosure: Original of Resolution 2014-75

cc: FTO, OST, Winnebago Agency
Realty, Winnebago Agency
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RESOLUTION #14-75

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RESCIND RESOLUTION #14-63 AND ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON ENROLLMENT OF ALL PERSONS PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED IN ANOTHER TRIBE

WHEREAS, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat 984) (25 USC 476), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935, (49 Stat 378); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III of the Winnebago Tribal Constitution, the governing body of the Tribe shall be the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV Section 1(c) of the Winnebago Tribal Constitution, and its inherent powers of self-government, the Tribal Council is vested with the power, *inter alia*, "To safeguard and promote the peace, safety, morals, and general welfare of the Tribe", and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article II of the Winnebago Tribal Constitution, and its inherent powers of self-government, the Tribe has the authority to establish its criteria for membership in the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2009, the Tribe amended its enrollment criteria to permit the inclusion of Winnebago Indian blood and blood of another federally recognized Indian Tribe in order to meet the minimum one-fourth (1/4) degree blood quantum requirement; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's primary interest and concern in amending its criteria was to address the issue of children born to Winnebago Tribal members who do not meet the minimum blood quantum requirement and were thus ineligible for enrollment in this Tribe or any Tribe; and

WHEREAS, since the date of the amendment, the Tribe has found that a significant number of individuals, including adults and children, who were enrolled in another Tribe are relinquishing membership in the other Tribe in order to be enrolled in the Winnebago Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Enrollment Committee has recommended that an internal review of the Tribe's enrollment records and enrollment criteria be conducted to determine the best course of action for the Tribe and the Tribal Council supports this action; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council previously adopted Resolution #14-63 regarding this matter and, after further consideration, the Tribal Council seeks to rescind that action and establish a moratorium on enrollment of all persons previously enrolled in another Tribe pending the completion of a review of the Tribe's enrollment records and enrollment criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby rescinds Resolution #14-63 previously adopted on April 2, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby establishes a moratorium on enrollment of all persons previously enrolled in another Tribe; and

TRIBAL COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: JOHN BLACKHAWK

VICE-CHAIRMAN: DARWIN SNYDER

SECRETARY: LOUIS C. HOUGHTON, JR.

TREASURER: TRAVIS MALLORY

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this moratorium shall be effective as of the date of this resolution and shall extend until September 30, 2014; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribal Enrollment Committee and the Tribal Enrollment Department are hereby authorized to conduct a review of the Tribe's enrollment records and enrollment criteria consistent with the intent of this resolution and make recommendations on further action to the Tribal Council.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

We, the undersigned Officers of the Winnebago Tribal Council, hereby certify that on April 16, 2014, at a meeting duly convened by the Winnebago Tribal Council, the Tribal Council voted to adopt the above Resolution by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions, with the Chairman and 1 Member(s) not voting.

Dated this 16 day of April, 2014.

Attest:

Dan Staples
Chairman, Winnebago Tribal Council

Terrie C. Houghton, Jr.
Secretary, Winnebago Tribal Council



Received:

Ernest F. Johnson
Superintendent, Winnebago Agency

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