

Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe



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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-98

WHEREAS, the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe (the “Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the Constitution and By-laws approved by the Secretary of Interior and Commissioner of Indian Affairs on April 24, 1936, amended February 7, 1941, further amended November 16, 1967, further amended November 14, 1984, and further amended May 13, 1997; and further amended July 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Article III of the Tribe’s Constitution and By-laws provides that the governing body of the Tribe shall be the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII Section 1(e) of the Constitution vests the Executive Committee with the power to acquire, lease, or otherwise manage all lands or other assets, either real or personal, for the benefit of the Tribe as authorized by law except that where lands or assets are under the jurisdiction of the Federal government; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII Section 1(h) of the Constitution vests the Executive Committee shall have the power to adopt resolutions consistent with such Constitution and By-laws, regulating the procedure of the Executive Committee itself and of other tribal agencies, tribal officials or tribal organizations of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Pipestone quarries in the lands now known as “Minnesota” and the surrounding area are a sacred place to the Tribe and its People; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe’s People have traveled since time immemorial to the Pipestone quarries to harvest sacred Pipestone, also known as catlinite, for use in making traditional ceremonial pipes necessary for our spiritual practices, and continue to do so to this day; and

WHEREAS, the United States has acknowledged the importance and sacredness of Pipestone, establishing in 1937 the Pipestone National Monument to protect the sacred Pipestone quarries; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. National Park Service has specifically acknowledged the sacredness of the Pipestone quarries and the ties of Tribal Nations to this land, stating that, “[f]or over 3,000 years, Indigenous people have quarried the red stone at this site to make pipes used in prayer and ceremony - a tradition that continues to this day and makes this site sacred to many people,” and that “[t]oday, Pipestone National Monument is officially affiliated with 23 tribal nations and Indigenous