



GREAT PLAINS TRIBAL CHAIRMAN'S ASSOCIATION

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RESOLUTION NO. 1-1-24-14

Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association (GPTCA)
Requesting the National Congress of American Indians to Seek New Executive Director

WHEREAS, The Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association (GPTCA) is composed of sixteen elected Chairs and presidents of sovereign treaty tribes and nations (or their duly appointed representative) that are located within the Great Plains Region of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the GPTCA was formed to promote the common interests of the member tribes and their enrolled members in the Great Plains Region; and

WHEREAS, the nations and tribes of the GPTCA are respected and longstanding tribal members of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and represent the Great Plains Area/Region of the NCAI; and

WHEREAS, the current NCAI Executive Director, who was appointed in 2001, has served the NCAI under five Presidents; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing and unnecessary division between tribal members in the Great Plains Area/Region of the NCAI and the Executive Director, and the extent of that divide has reached a tipping point that we feel alienated, disenfranchised, and disaffected; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the NCAI Executive Director has strayed from executing NCAI's core mission and instead has consistently devalued the wishes and recommendations of the tribal members from the Great Plains Area/Region; and

WHEREAS, the NCAI Executive Director's actions have severely damaged the working relationship between herself and tribal members of the Great Plains Area/Region as well as other NCAI tribal members who are vital to NCAI as an organization; and

WHEREAS, in the days to come, NCAI must remain united to fight external threats to the sovereignty of Indian tribes and must be focused on executing a united strategy and not on divisions which separate members and the Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, the NCAI Constitution Article IV, Section B empower the NCAI Executive Committee with "authority to provide for the employment of the Executive Director", a power that includes termination of such employment; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the NCAI Executive Committee to retain competency in the position of Executive Director, and to ensure that the leadership provided by the Executive Committee is respectful to its tribal members which is essential for the fulfillment of NCAI's mission,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association (GPTCA) hereby respectfully issues a vote of No Confidence regarding the Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and directs the GPTCA staff to inform the NCAI Executive Committee of such vote; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association respectfully requests that the NCAI Executive Committee immediately undertake the appropriate steps to replace the NCAI Executive Director; and

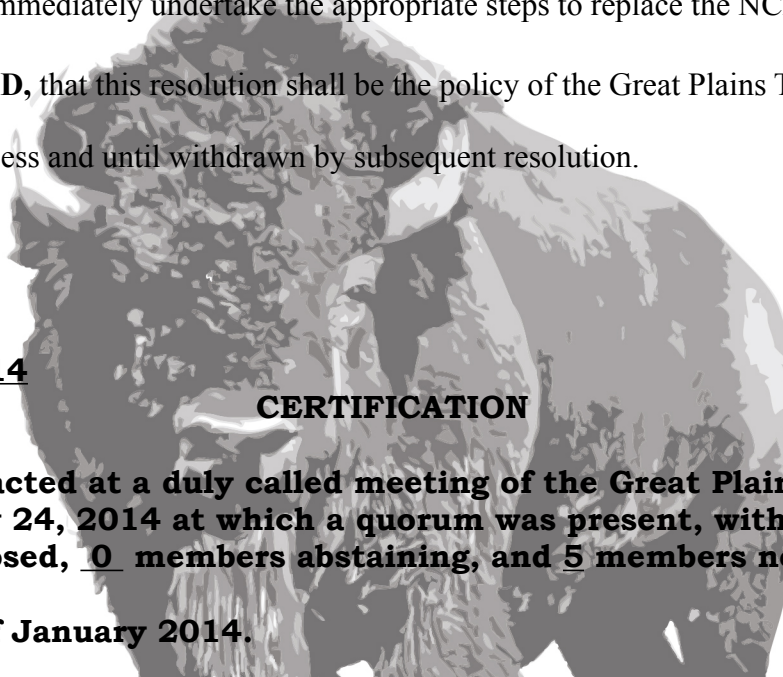
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association unless and until withdrawn by subsequent resolution.

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CERTIFICATION

This resolution was enacted at a duly called meeting of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association on January 24, 2014 at which a quorum was present, with 11 members voting in favor, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstaining, and 5 members not present.

Dated this 24th. Day of January 2014.



Bryan V. Brewer

President Bryan Brewer, Oglala Sioux Tribe
Secretary, Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association

Attest:

Tex Hall

Chairman Tex "Red Tipped Arrow" Hall, Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nations, Three Affiliated Tribes
Chairman, Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association

