WHITE EARTH RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS Resolution No. <u>()() - 24- () / 4</u>

- WHEREAS, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is the duly elected governing body of the White Earth Reservation pursuant to Article VI, Section 1, of the revised constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, as amended, and organized under Section 16, of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), and
- WHEREAS, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is the duly authorized governing body of the White Earth Band, and
- WHEREAS, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee in conjunction with Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, has established the Regional Native Public Defense Corporation so that Leech Lake and White Earth Band members criminally charged or in need of juvenile defender services may receive adequate public defender representation in State Courts, and
- WHEREAS, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee has previously agreed to provide annual financial support to Regional Native Public Defense Corporation for the public defender services provided to White Earth Band Members in Resolution #001-11-003, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee hereby approves an annual contribution of \$50,000 for FY2024 to Regional Native Public Defense Corporation in order to provide legal services to indigent Leech Lake and White Earth Band Members charged with criminal offenses or in need of juvenile defender services within the counties of Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Hubbard, Itasca, and Mahnomen.

Michael A. Fairbanks, Chairman

Michael LaRoque, Secretary/Treasurer