

**WHITE EARTH RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE
WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS**

RESOLUTION NO.: 001-24-028

- 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 18th, 1934(48 Stat. 984), and
- WHEREAS** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is the duly authorizing governing body of the White Earth Band, and
- WHEREAS** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is aware of the current military actions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip involving the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas and the Israeli government military, which as greatly intensified since October 7th, 2023, and which has resulted in the loss of many lives on both sides, and which has caused the survivors on both sides to suffer untold humiliating indignities, and
- WHEREAS** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee has been informed that the current state of Israel was created in 1948 from lands that were forcefully dispossessed from the Palestinian people at the behest of western powers, primarily Great Britian, and the United States; and that ever since, the state of Israel has been maintained through financial and military support of western states, primarily the United State of American, and
- WHEREAS** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee has been informed that throughout history of the “Palestinian-Israeli Conflict”, the United States has consistently maintained pro-Israeli policies, and has completely disregarded the fundamental rights of the Palestinian people, and
- WHEREAS** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee has been informed that so far in the current war the United States has fully supported the actions of the Israeli miliary against the Palestinians, despite the fact that the Israeli military actions have been extreme, and have caused the deaths of countless civilians and the merciless destruction of virtually all Palestinian property, and
- WHEREAS** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee has been informed that the current disregard for the life and well-being of the Palestinian people is evident in the United States’ decision to get directly involved in the unfolding conflict by financing it, arming the Israeli military, vetoing any

United Nations Security Council resolution calling for a ceasefire, and even sending aircraft carriers to the region in support of the Israelis, and

WHEREAS the White Earth Reservation Business Committee has been informed that the United States has fully embraced Israel's genocidal aggression which has been carried out primarily on Gaza, and has approved of the complete blockade that has cut off electricity, water, food, and medicine, and has justified the daily slaughter of countless Palestinian civilians, and

WHEREAS the White Earth Reservation Business Committee has been informed of the parallels between the "Palestinian-Israeli conflict" and the plight of Indigenous people at the hands of the United States, which began as early as 1492 when Christopher Columbus land on Native Lands, and which has continued in one form or another ever since, and

WHEREAS like the fledging American government that marked their Indigenous people as uncivilized so that their rights to their lands could be undetermined, the Israelis similarly deny political rights to the Palestinians, which directly undermines their rights over Palestinian lands, and

WHEREAS the White Earth Reservation Business Committee recognizes that the colonialism, occupation, and apartheid practices now being imposed on the Palestinians as having similarities to the practices that the colonists imposed on the Indigenous people on Turtle Island from the time of first contact through the present; and the White Earth Reservation Business Committee further recognizes that such practices are contrary to the stated standards of international law, and

WHEREAS the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is reminded that the apartheid regime in South Africa refused to recognize the clear directive of international law until the international community intervened, imposed sanctions against, and boycotted it; and that similarly the Israeli government is not likely to recognize the clear mandates of international law until the international community intervenes and imposes sanctions against Israel, now

THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee calls on Israeli government to implement a cease fire, and withdraw its troops from the West Bank and Gaza strip: and the Israeli government revoke all laws discriminating against the native Palestinian population: and that the Israeli government implement United Nations Resolution 194, which allows for the return of Palestinian refugees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee calls on the President of the United States and Congress to cease the funding and military support of the Israeli's genocidal actions against the Palestinians.

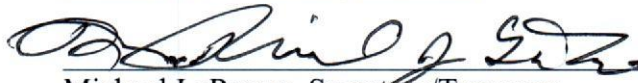
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee calls on the International community to support the dismantling of the racist two-state solution imposed on the Israel on the Palestinians, and pave the way for a secular democratic state on the historic land of Palestine that gives equality to all its citizens, regardless of religion, ethnicity, and gender.

“Uhfur that al-Aqsa hatlaqina.”
“Dig under Aqsa, you’ll find us.”
Muqata, Palestinian musical artist

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 silent, a quorum being present at a regular meeting of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee held on February 28, 2024 in Wahnomen, Minnesota.



Michael A. Fairbanks, Chairman



Michael LaRoque, Secretary/Treasurer