RESOLUTION OF THE LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE ELECTION OF LEWIS GRASS ROPE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBE.

- WHEREAS, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 48 Stat. 984; and
- WHEREAS, as empowered by the Constitution and Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1, (e), the Tribal Council as authorized by law to safeguard and promote the peace, safety, morals and general welfare of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and to regulate the conduct of trade and the use and disposition of property upon the reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council (hereinafter "Tribal Council"), recognizing that since April 3, 2015, the date that former Tribal Chairman Michael B.

 Jandreau passed away, a vacancy has existed in the Office of Tribal Chairman; and
- WHEREAS, the vacancy in the Office of Tribal Chairman requires the Tribal Council to elect a Tribal Chairman, thus, the Tribal Council exercises its authority to elect officers under the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Constitution (hereinafter "Const."), Art. III, § 3, which provides in relevant part:

The Tribal Council so organized shall elect from within or outside of its own members . . . such officers . . . as may be deemed necessary...

Id.; and

WHEREAS, under Art. VI, § 1(h) of the Lower Brule Sioux Constitution, the Tribal Council is vested with the authority to "adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the Council itself..."

Id.; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of effectuating the Tribal Council's election of Lewis Grass Rope as Chairman of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, during a meeting duly noticed, called and convened, in Special Session reconvened this 13th day of September, 2015,m upon a motion made by Desiree LaRoche, seconded by Sonny Ziegler, 3 yes, 0

abstaining/not-voting, <u>2</u> absent, Kevin Wright is hereby made the authorized signatory for this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal By Laws, Art. I, Duties of Officer, § 1, Chairman of the Tribal Council, provides:

Chairman of the Tribal Council. The Chairman of the Tribal Council shall preside over all meetings of the Tribal Council, shall perform all duties of a Chairman, and exercise any authority delegated to him by the Tribal Council.

Id.; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizing the need for the vacancy for the vacancy in the Office of the Tribal Chairman of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe to be filled, filled the said vacancy; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, September 10, 2015 during a duly noticed, called and convened Special Session of the Tribal Council with a quorum present, the Tribal Council in exercise of its authority to elect officers for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Const., Art. III, § 3, upon the motion of Desiree LaRoche, seconded by Sonny Ziegler, with 3 voting yes, 0 abstaining/not-voting, and 2 absent, the Tribal Council elected Lewis Grass Rope as Chairman of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, following his election, as authorized by the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council, Mr. Lewis Grass Rope was officially sworn-in as Chairman of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe by Traditional Chief Steven C. Emery, Esq. Thereafter, September 10, 2015, Chairman Lewis Grass Rope took office as Chairman of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe declaring "I stand on the treaties and will work to preserve and defend our treaty rights and I will serve the Kul Wicasa Oyate, the members Lower Brule Sioux Tribe."

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council, assembled in Special Session, with quorum present, on the $\underline{13}^{th}$ day of September, 2015, by the affirmative vote of $\underline{3}$ members for, $\underline{0}$ opposing, $\underline{0}$ abstaining/not-voting, $\underline{2}$ absent and $\underline{0}$ not voting.

Attest:

Kevin Wright, Authorized Signatory Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council

Attest:

Desiree Laroche, Acting Secretary Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council