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## **RESOLUTION NO. 15-87**

## ESTABLISHMENT OF TITLE VII, CHAPTER 1 OF THE LAC COURTE OREILLES BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS TRIBAL CODE OF LAW CHILDREN'S CODE

- WHEREAS, the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian tribe organized pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. § 461, et seq.; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Governing Board serves as the governing body of Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, § 1 (q), (s), (t), and (u) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
  empowers the Tribal Governing Board to: "establish a tribal court for the purpose
  of enforcing tribal ordinance..." Article V, § 1 (q); "promulgate and enforce
  ordinances governing the conduct of members of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band
  of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and providing for the maintenance of law
  and order and the administration of justice by establishing a tribal court and
  defining its duties and powers" Article V, § 1 (s); "provide for the regulation of
  child custody and domestic relations matters by ordinances or resolution"
  Article V, § 1 (t); "provide for the appointment of guardians for minors, aged
  persons, and mental incompetents by ordinance or resolution" Article V, § 1 (u);
  and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Governing Board duly enacted the Children's Code in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all children within the jurisdiction of the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Tribal Governing Board recognizes that in the children lie the Tribe's future, and in their retention of Ojibwe traditions and culture lies the preservation of the Tribe's past; and

- WHEREAS, the Tribal Governing Board recognizes that it is the policy of the Tribe to strengthen family structures, to prevent family breakups, and to foster conditions favorable to the growth, spirit, culture, and individuality of each child; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Governing Board recognizes that a child without knowledge of the past is directionless in the path forward; a child without a nurturing present is denied the strengths that lead to the future. It is the Tribe's policy to favor preventive action over belated reaction, meditation over confrontation, counseling over lecturing, conciliation over punishment, but in all decisions made under this ordinance the welfare of the child shall be the ultimate touchstone.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Title VII, Chapter 1 of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Tribal Code of Law "Children's Code" shall be, and hereby is, enacted as an ordinance of the Tribe, pursuant to Article V, § 1 (q), (s), (t), and (u) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Lac Courte Oreilles Children's Code as previously enacted, along with any corresponding Resolution(s) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

## CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary/Treasurer of the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board, hereby certify that the Tribal Governing Board is composed of seven (7) members, of whom  $\underline{4}$  being present, constituted a quorum at a meeting thereof, duly called, convened, and held on this  $\underline{21^{st} \text{ day of September, 2015}}$ ; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of  $\underline{3}$  members,  $\underline{0}$  against,  $\underline{0}$  abstaining, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Norma Ross, Secretary/Treasurer

Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board