



*Pride of the Ojibwe*

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**RESOLUTION NO. 56-2020**

**RATIFICATION OF TITLE IV, CHAPTERS 1 AND  
2 OF THE  
LAC COURTE OREILLES BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL CODE OF LAW  
MEMBERSHIP CODE AND ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE BY-LAWS**

- WHEREAS,** the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians 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,** the Tribe, a sovereign nation, has the right to determine its own membership. Martinez v. Santa Clara Pueblo, 436 U.S. 49 (1978); and
- WHEREAS,** Article II, 2, 3 and 4 of the Amended Constitution and By-laws of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians empowers the Tribal Governing Board to "enact the ordinance subject to approval of the Secretary of the Interior stating the criteria for future membership and adoption of the new members," establish that "Any person who has been rejected for enrollment as a member of the Band shall have the right of appeal to the Secretary of the Interior, whose decision shall be final" and "enact ordinances governing loss of membership..."; and
- WHEREAS,** it is appropriate that the 2015 Amended Citizenship Ordinance of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians which was enacted by Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board Resolution No. 15-38 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 18, 2015, be amended; and

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**WHEREAS,** it is appropriate to establish Membership Committee Bylaws which shall govern the manner and procedures by which the Enrollment Committee shall carry out its duties and authority conferred by the Tribal Governing Board.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the attached Title IV, Chapters 1 and 2 of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Tribal Code of Law "Membership Code" and "Enrollment Committee By-laws" shall be, and hereby is, enacted as ordinances of the Tribe, pursuant to Article II, 2, 3 and 4 of the Amended Constitution and By-laws of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the "2015 Amended Citizenship Ordinance of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians" and Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board Resolution No. 15-38 are hereby repealed in their entirety conditioned on Secretarial approval of the "Membership Code" and "Enrollment Committee Bylaws".

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the said Title IV, Chapters 1 and 2 of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Tribal Code of Law "Membership Code" and "Enrollment Committee By-laws" together with this resolution, shall be forwarded to the officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, with the request by the Tribal Governing Board that the Secretary approve as enacted.

**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 7 being present, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by an affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
Michelle Beaudin, Secretary/Treasurer  
Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board