

RESOLUTION OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL
OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE
(An Unincorporated Tribe)

RESOLUTION OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE AUTHORIZING THE SEVEN YEARS FOR SEVEN GENERATIONS PLAN FOR COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM UPGRADES AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE RESERVATION, PRIORITIZING THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM UPGRADES IN PINE RIDGE VILLAGE, WHICH INCLUDED THE EVENTUAL TRANSFER OF THESE UPGRADED COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS INTO THE MNI WICONI SYSTEM, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN TRUST FOR THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE BY THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION.

WHEREAS, the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 and all pertinent Amendments thereto, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Oglala Sioux Tribe the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council exercises legislative powers to enact and promulgate Resolutions and Ordinances, and

WHEREAS, the Oglala Sioux Tribe has adopted its Constitution and By-Laws by referendum vote on December 10, 1935, in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (25 U.S.C. § 476), and under Article IV of the Oglala Sioux Tribe constitution, the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council is the governing body of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and

WHEREAS, according to a 4/19/96 letter from Erick Soderquist, Facilities Management, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), to OST President John Steele "The Mni Wiconi Act provides the OST the option of transferring existing water systems on the Pine Ridge Reservation to the OSRWSS. These Existing water systems need to be transferred and become part of the OSRWSS so the Oglala Sioux Tribe can receive maximum benefits of the Mni Wiconi Project.", and also being aware of the letter of 8/6/13 from Richard Long, Area Manager, BOR, to Mr. Frank Means, concerning transfers, and

WHEREAS, the Pine Ridge Reservation was declared a 2015 Promise Zone by the Obama Administration and US Department of Agriculture and other agencies, and

WHEREAS, the Oglala Sioux Tribe using a collaboration Tribal departments and Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing developed the 7 Years for 7 Generations Plan to upgrade all the water systems on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation by 2021, and

WHEREAS, the government developed the Inter-Agency Task Force Federal Partners Steering Committee on Sustainable Infrastructure including HHS (IHS), EPA, USDA (RD), HUD, HHS (IHS), and DOI (BIA) MOU, and the Memorandum of Understanding for Federal Government Efforts In Providing Infrastructure and Promoting Sustainable Practices to Support The Provision of Safe Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation in American Indian and Alaska Native communities in 2013, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council of the Oglala Sioux Tribe officially requests government agencies to work together to assist in the furtherance of the 7 Years for 7 Generations Plan for community water systems upgrades, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oglala Sioux Council officially requests USDA and other departments involved to work with the Oglala Sioux Tribe in the spirit of the Promise Zone as a demonstration to provide more effective government assistance to simplify application procedures, find unused sources of funds, assist with developmental costs where needed and implement upgraded policies such as the new Integrated Environmental requirements, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all of the agencies make a special effort to assist the Oglala Sioux Tribe in the planning and development for the upgrade of the entire Pine Ridge Village water and wastewater system since this will be a major undertaking and a number of agencies have direct relationships to the system including BIA, BIE, HUD and IHS, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bureau of Reclamation take positive steps to simplify and support the transfer of community water systems in trust for the Oglala Sioux Tribe when the transfers are officially requested by the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council including the current requests for the Porcupine Butte and Pine Ridge South systems and future systems upon upgrade completion, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Frank Means and Mr. Chuck Jacobs are authorized to follow up on whatever is needed to implement this resolution.

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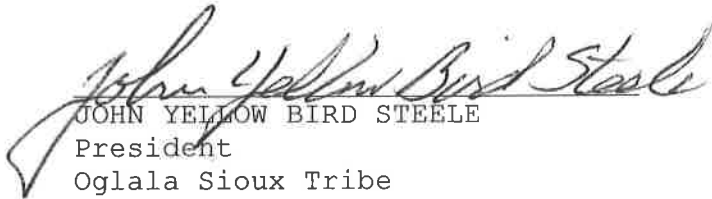
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I, as undersigned Secretary of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the vote of: 13 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstain; 1 Not Voting; during a REGULAR SESSION held on the 18th day of MAY, 2016.



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Secretary
Oglala Sioux Tribe

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JOHN YELLOW BIRD STEELE
President
Oglala Sioux Tribe

