



A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
THE NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN SUPPLIER COUNCIL

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
RESOLUTION No. 23-05-15-07

WHEREAS: The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians of Michigan and Indiana (“Pokagon Band”) is a sovereign, federally-recognized Indian tribe, as reaffirmed under P.L. 103-323, enacted September 21, 1994; and

WHEREAS: The Pokagon Band is organized under a constitution, which was adopted on November 1, 2005 and became effective on December 16, 2005 (“Constitution”); and

WHEREAS: In accordance with P.L. 103-323, and pursuant to Article IX of the Constitution, the Tribal Council is the governing body of the Pokagon Band; and

WHEREAS: The Tribal Council is vested with the sovereign powers of the Pokagon Band not inconsistent with any provisions of the Constitution, including those enumerated powers set forth in Article IX, Section 2, of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS: Through the Tribal Council’s enactment of the Mno-Bmadsen Charter, the Tribal Council established Mno-Bmadsen (“Mno”) to engage in non-gaming economic development on behalf of the Pokagon Band; and

WHEREAS: Tribally owned businesses believe that minority certification is advantageous as it helps them be more competitive in the marketplace; and

WHEREAS: Tribally owned businesses are unique from other minority owned businesses because they are owned by and benefit the tribe rather than any individual; and

WHEREAS: Such certification of tribally owned businesses should be done by tribes, tribal citizens, and dependents because they understand tribal business and their relationship to their respective tribes; and

WHEREAS: A group of tribal business people have incorporated a Michigan non-profit corporation called the “National Native American Supplier Council” with purposes and goals that include to: (1) provide an equitable opportunity for tribally owned businesses to gain access to a meaningful minority-owned certification; (2) serve Tribal communities and corporate and institutional partners by providing a robust, verifiable minority ownership certification that

accounts for the unique status of Native Americans; and (3) empower Native-owned businesses to advance towards economic equity; and

WHEREAS: Mno supports the purposes and goals of the National Native American Supplier Council; and

WHEREAS: The Tribal Council believes that the purposes and goals of the National Native American Supplier Council are important to promote economic diversification within Indian Country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council supports the purposes and goals of the National Native American Supplier Council.

CERTIFICATION

We do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and voted upon with a quorum present at a duly convened Special Meeting of the Tribal Council held on the 15th day of May, 2023 by a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent, and 0 abstaining.



Rebecca Richards
Tribal Council Chairwoman



Samuel Morseau
Tribal Council Secretary