



**NOTTAWASEPPI HURON BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI
RESOLUTION NO. 06-15-23-01**

Supporting the Purpose of the National Native American Supplier Council

WHEREAS: On December 21, 1995, the Department of the Interior recognized the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, formerly known as Huron Potawatomi, Inc., as a federally recognized Indian Tribe pursuant to the Federal Acknowledgment Process (60 Fed. Reg. 66315);

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 1 of the Tribe's Constitution provides that the legislative powers of the Tribe shall be vested in the Tribal Council;

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 1(k) of the Constitution empowers the Tribal Council to promulgate and enforce laws for economic purposes and then regulate the activities of such organizations;

WHEREAS: In furtherance of the above-stated goals, the Tribal Council established a FireKeepers Development Authority, as the instrumentality through which the Band owns/operates its gaming resort and related amenities;

WHEREAS: In furtherance to the community and of the economic goals of the Band, the Tribal Council identified the need to diversify the Band's economic investments and holdings in order to generate additional sources of revenues and employment opportunities for Band citizens;

WHEREAS: In furtherance of the above-stated goals, the Tribal Council established a limited liability company, Waséyabek Development Company, L.L.C., to serve as the legal entity through which individual economic development proposals will be pursued;

WHEREAS: As a limited liability company wholly-owned by a federally recognized Indian Tribe, Waséyabek Development Company, L.L.C., and its wholly- or majority-owned subsidiary companies, are considered a minority-owned business and eligible for certain minority certifications;

WHEREAS: The Tribal Council has adopted an Indian Preference in Contracting Code to provide contracting opportunities for business enterprises that are majority owned by Tribes or their economic development entities or which are owned and controlled by individual enrolled members of Indian Tribes and other persons entitled to preference under the Band's laws;

WHEREAS: Implementing Indian Preference in contracting goals remains a challenge due to the lack of a comprehensive database identifying Tribal-owned and Tribal-member owned business enterprises, the service/product offerings and capabilities;

WHEREAS: because Tribal sovereignty in the context of economic development and commercial business is still largely misunderstood by a number of the organizations that certify minority-owned business, it is difficult and sometimes impossible for Tribally-owned businesses like FireKeepers Development Authority, Waséyabek Development Company, L.L.C. and their respective subsidiary companies, to obtain minority certification;

WHEREAS: Minority certification allows Tribally-owned businesses to be more competitive in the marketplace thereby providing a greater benefit to their respective Tribal owner communities;

WHEREAS: A group of Tribal business people has endeavored to form a non-profit corporation called the "National Native American Supplier Council" with the purpose of providing Tribal businesses with a mechanism to receive a minority certification from a recognized organization that understands the relationship between Tribally-owned businesses and their respective Tribes;

WHEREAS: The Tribal Council believes the purpose of the National Native American Supplier Council to be important to promote economic diversification within Indian Country; and,

WHEREAS: The Tribal Council desires to learn more about the National Native American Supplier Council's goals, strategic and business plans, and certification process.

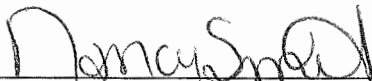
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Tribal Council hereby initially supports the purpose of the National Native American Supplier Council to provide Tribal businesses with a mechanism to receive a minority certification from a recognized organization that understands the relationship between Tribally-owned businesses and their respective Tribes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Tribal Council authorizes representatives designated by the respective Chief Executive Officers of FireKeepers Development Authority and Waséyabek Development Company to work with representatives of the National Native American Supplier Council to request additional information about the organization and the manner in which it will operate, including its business plan, proposed fee structure, certification procedures and mechanisms to protect the confidentiality of information supplied by participating companies and, following appropriate due diligence, to commit to membership in that National Native American Supplier Council.

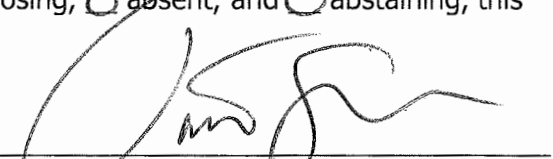
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CERTIFICATION

On June 15, 2023, this resolution was approved the Tribal Council at the duly called regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on the Pine Creek Indian Reservation, a quorum being present, by an affirmative vote 5 members, opposing, absent, and abstaining, this 15th day of June, 2023.

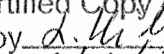


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