

# MIDWEST ALLIANCE OF SOVEREIGN TRIBES

Resolution No. 04-23

## Supporting the National Native American Supplier Council

- WHEREAS,** the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) is an intertribal organization representing the thirty-six (36) federally recognized tribes and four (4) inter-tribal organizations in the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, and Iowa, each having sovereign authority to govern their own affairs; and
- WHEREAS,** MAST's mission is to "advance, protect, preserve, and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty, and cultural way of life of the sovereign nations of the Midwest;" and
- WHEREAS,** tribally owned businesses believe that a minority business enterprise 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 to fulfill this need called the "National Native American Supplier Council"; and
- WHEREAS,** MAST believes the purposes and goals of the National Native American Supplier Council (NNASC) to be important to promote economic diversification within Indian Country, and
- WHEREAS,** the non-profit is formed on a membership basis and Tribal Governments Members are the primary membership class; and
- WHEREAS,** MAST encourages its federally recognized tribes to become Tribal Governments Members with NNASC to support the non-profit's work remains for Natives by Natives; and
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** MAST hereby supports the purposes and goals of the National Native American Supplier Council, which include becoming the premier minority business enterprise certifying body for tribally and indigenous owned businesses.

### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as President of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes, do hereby Certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 04-23 was passed on November 28, 2023, with 16 voting for, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining.

  
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MAST President Rebecca Richards