

Fort Belknap Indian Community

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Resolution No. 114-2013

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WHEREAS, the United States has obligated itself both through Treaties entered into with the sovereign Tribes and Nations of the Great Plains Region and through its own federal statutes, Laws, the Constitution, international law and well-articulated policies; the United States has pledged to protect Indian Tribes; guarantee the right of Tribal self-government, protection, and safety, and to promote the viability of Indian reservations and lands as permanent homelands for Indian Tribes, and

WHEREAS, there are many challenges facing the Tribes in the United States of America, among them protection of Indian Sovereignty, Policies, Programs, meaningful Consultation and advancement of economic development for all Tribal Nations; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Budget Control Act of 2011, otherwise known as sequestration, Congress specifically exempted many programs that benefit low-income Americans, including Medicaid, tax credits for working families and food stamps, but exempted virtually none of the programs aiding

American Indians — including money spent through the departments of interior, education, health and human services and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York and the New York Department of Financial Services unlawfully attempted to intimidate Native American Tribes and encroach upon their Tribal Sovereignty by attempting to disrupt commerce with tribally owned financial services businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council or it designee insists on appearing before any Congressional Committees, Federal Boards or Regulatory Officials if new or revised regulations are being considered for the short term lending industry involving Tribally owned financial services businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council has the same concerns of other Tribes with reports that the DOJ and FDIC are intimidating some community banks and third party payment processors with threats of heightened regulatory scrutiny unless they cease doing business with online Tribal lenders. As a result, many banks and payment processors are terminating relationships with many of their long-term customers who provide underserved consumers with short-term credit options; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council recognizes the Honorable United States Attorney General Eric Holder as an individual who understands and defends Tribes' inherent sovereignty; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council hereby supports the Tribal Sovereignty of all Tribes in strongly opposing the actions of the State of New York that threaten every Tribes' sovereignty; and

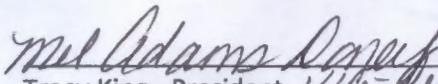
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council respectfully requests that the United States Congressional Delegations from Montana, contact the United States Department of Justice and the Federal Deposit Insurance Commission and reaffirm their Support for Tribal Sovereignty, confirm that they do not support the efforts by the State of New York or any other entity to encroach upon Tribal Sovereignty, and remind Federal Agencies to abide by Presidential Executive Orders requiring consultation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council respectfully requests that the United States Congressional Delegations from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska confirm and clarify that no Federal Agency is bringing direct or indirect pressure upon banks to end their business relationships with Tribal Governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council respects the sovereign rights of Tribes who are members of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association to develop their economies including entering the short term loan industry and will support all Tribes ensuring their Treaties and Sovereignty remain intact as our Treaties intended; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall be the policy of the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council until otherwise amended or rescinded or until the goal of this Resolution has been accomplished.

ATTEST:


Tracy King - President ~~Vice President~~
Fort Belknap Indian Community Council


Phyllis Pond-Culbertson - Secretary/Treasurer
Fort Belknap Indian Community Council

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Fort Belknap Community Council of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, Montana, do hereby certify that the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council is composed of 10 members, of whom 6 members, constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 23 day of September, 2013; and that the foregoing Resolution of the Fort Belknap Community Council was duly adopted and approved by the affirmative vote of 6 for; 0 opposed; 0 not voting; 0 temporary absent; 4 absent; and that the said Resolution has not been rescinded in any way.

DATE:

Sept 23/13


PHYLLIS POND-CULBERTSON, Secretary-Treasurer

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