



## Nebraska Inter Tribal Coalition



### RESOLUTION #24-01

**WHEREAS:** The Nebraska Inter-Tribal Coalition ("NITC") was formed by resolution of the four Indian Tribes in Nebraska; the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, a Federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), (25 U.S.C. §5123) as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935, (49 Stat. 378); the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under a constitution and bylaws approved by the Secretary of the Interior on April 30, 1936, pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984), (25 U.S.C. § 5123) as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935, (49 Stat.378); the Santee Sioux Nation, a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984) (25 U.S.C. § 5123) as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935, (49 Stat.378); and the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, a federally recognized Indian Tribe (P.L. 101-484) whose business affairs are conducted by the Ponca Tribal Council as defined in the Constitution approved July 22, 1994 by the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and

**WHEREAS:** The Nebraska Inter-Tribal Coalitions' mission is to advance, protect, preserve and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty, and cultural way of life of the sovereign nations of Nebraska and the organization will coordinate important public policy issues and initiative at the state, regional and federal levels as well as promote unity and cooperation among the Nebraska tribes as they advocate to issues of mutual concern among the tribes; and

**WHEREAS:** The following is a joint statement in regards to the Genoa Boarding School:

We stand on the homelands of the Pawnee Nation. The building was the original Pawnee Agency Building and was later converted to a school that would house trauma and tragedy. The halls, classrooms, and dormitories of this school witnessed the destruction of culture, language, traditions, religions, and family values/bonds. It was announced that there are potentially 86 graves that exist on or near the grounds of the Genoa Industrial Boarding School. These graves hold the children of Tribal Nations from Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa, and many areas across the United States. Some of the children potentially in these graves won't have names alongside them, but what we know is that they were someone's child. They were someone's loved one and they deserve to be found. The Ponca, Omaha, Santee, and Winnebago Tribes of Nebraska stand in solidarity with Tribal Nations across the United States. We stand with our ancestors, many who were students at Genoa and suffered trauma within these walls. We stand with our relatives here and across the nation. And we stand with these children who deserved more than and deserve to now finally be returned to their homelands where they can receive traditional burials.



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**CERTIFICATION**

This will certify that the foregoing Joint Resolution was considered at a meeting of the Tribal Councils of the Winnebago Tribe, Omaha Tribe, Santee Sioux Nation, and the Ponca Tribe convened on the 13 day of October, 2023 and adopted by each Council by unanimous consent.

**ATTEST:**

Victoria Kutcheyan  
Chairperson, Winnebago Tribal Council

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Chairperson, Santee Sioux Nation  
Tribal Council

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Chairperson, Omaha Tribal Council

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Chairperson, Ponca Tribal Council