

# OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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## RESOLUTION NO. 24- OF THE OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

2/16/2024

Drafted by: Theresa Rachel

**RE:** LICENSING STANDARDS AND LICENSURE OF THE YOUTH EMERGENCY SHELTER

**WHEREAS:** The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian tribe, organized under a constitution and bylaws approved by the Secretary of Interior on April 30, 1936, pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; and

**WHEREAS:** Pursuant to Article III, Sec.1 of the constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the governing body of the Omaha Tribe shall also be known as Tribal Council; and

**WHEREAS:** Article IV, Section 1 (j) of the Constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska provides the Omaha Tribal Council with the power to safeguard and promote the economy and general welfare of the Omaha Tribe; and

**WHEREAS:** Article IV, Section 1 (m) To adopt resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal Council itself and of other Tribal agencies and Tribal offices; and

**WHEREAS:** Article IV, Section 1 (n) To encourage and foster the arts, crafts, traditions, and cultures of the Omaha Tribe.

**WHEREAS:** The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska received a funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to build and to operate an emergency youth shelter facility on the Omaha Reservation.

**WHEREAS:** The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska intends to utilize the Mark of Honor Emergency Youth Shelter to house children and youth who have been temporarily been removed from their guardians. This shelter will help keep children of the Tribe on the Reservation and out of non-native foster home and keep them immersed in native culture during this traumatic time.

**WHEREAS:** The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS) provides funding for foster/shelter placement of these children. NDHHS requires such placement to be licensed by the Tribe before payment can be authorized.

**WHEREAS:** It is in the best interest of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska that the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska Children and Family Services be granted authority to draft Shelter licensing standards, in consultation with the Attorney General of the Tribe, and authority to license the Mark of Honor Emergency Youth Shelter after satisfactory inspection.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Omaha Tribal Council grants authority to the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska Children and Family Services to draft Emergency Youth Shelter licensing standards and to ultimately license the Emergency Youth Shelter after proper and appropriate standards are met and inspection passed.

**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called meeting of the Omaha Tribal Council on the 23 day of February, 2024, and was adopted by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against; 1 abstaining; with the Chairman not voting. A quorum of 6 was present.

MEMBERS VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Jason Sheridan			Abstain
Jerome Hamilton	X		
Dustin Lovejoy	X		
Alan Harlan	X		
Leander Merrick			Absent
Galen Aldrich SR	X		
Calvin Harlan	X		

**Submitted by:**

Dustin Lovejoy  
 Dustin Lovejoy, Secretary  
 Omaha Tribal Council

2/23/24  
 Date

**Attest:**

Jason Sheridan  
 Jason Sheridan, Chairman  
 Omaha Tribal Council

2/23/24  
 Date