

OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-67

OF THE

3/21/2024

OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

RE: Indian Child Welfare Act Qualified Expert Witnesses

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: the Omaha Tribal Council supports compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. section 1901, *et seq.*, and Neb. Rev. Stat. section 43-1501, *et seq.*, including compliance with the requirement for qualified expert witness testimony for foster care placement or terminations of parental rights in cases in which the Indian Child Welfare Acts apply; and

WHEREAS: the Omaha Tribe may be impacted by qualified expert witness testimony provided in cases involving Omaha Tribal children in which the Indian Child Welfare Act applies; and

WHEREAS: the Omaha Tribe may be negatively impacted by a person providing testimony who is not familiar with the Omaha Tribe's customs, family organization, child rearing practices and the social and cultural standards within the Omaha Tribe in cases involving Omaha Tribal children; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Omaha Tribe expresses a preference that members of the Omaha Tribe and persons knowledgeable about the Omaha Tribe's customs as they pertain to family organization and child rearing practices and the social and cultural standards within the

Omaha Tribe serve as qualified expert witnesses in cases involving Omaha Tribal children in which the Indian Child Welfare Act applies, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: that the Omaha Tribal Council recognizes the following persons as knowledgeable in Omaha Tribal customs as they pertain to family organization and child rearing practices and the social and cultural standards within the Omaha Tribe: Audreianna Levering-Galvin, Shawn Sheridan.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT: that the Omaha Tribal Council authorizes the above-named persons to provide qualified expert witness testimony in cases involving Omaha Tribal children in which the Indian Child Welfare Act applies.

CERTIFICATION

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


MEMBERS VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Jason Sheridan			
Jerome Hamilton			
Dustin Lovejoy			
Alan Harlan			
Leander Merrick			
Galen Aldrich Sr.			
Calvin Harlan			

Submitted by:


Dustin Lovejoy, Secretary
Omaha Tribal Council

4/23/24
Date

Attest:


Jason Sheridan, Chairman
Omaha Tribal Council

4/23/24
Date