

OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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RESOLUTION NO. 24-94 OF THE OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

RE: The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) Policy and Procedures revision

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: pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 (a) of the constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska provides the Omaha Tribal Council with the power to negotiate with Federal, State, and local governments on behalf of the Tribe, and to advise and consult with the representatives of the Department of the Interior on all activities of the Department that may affect the Omaha Tribe; and

WHEREAS: pursuant to 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: in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the federal government enacted the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"), Pub. L. 117-2 (Mar. 11, 2021), which established under section 3206 the HAF program, the purpose of which is to provide funding for mortgage assistance, utility assistance, property tax assistance, and emergency home improvements to prevent displacement; and

WHEREAS: the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska approved and submitted for Department of Treasury approval, the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska HAF Policy and Procedures dated June 2022, and made and submitted further revisions and updates dated December 2023 and January 2024; and

WHEREAS: the Omaha Tribal Council wishes to further revise the HAF Policy and Procedures in order to improve the delivery of assistance and reduce barriers to the HAF program implementation by including Tribal member owned homes with deeds that have not yet been transferred to the new owner or may have skipped a generation, and are occupied by the Tribal member heir or next of kin following Omaha traditions of property transfer as recognized by the Tribal Code. In addition, the Tribal member heir of next of kin intends to continue occupying the home after needed repairs; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Omaha Tribal Council hereby approves the revised and updated HAF Policies and Procedures and authorizes the submission of such HAF Policies and Procedures to the Department of Treasury.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called meeting of the Omaha Tribal Council on the 14 day of May, 2024, and was adopted by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against; 1 abstaining; with the Chairperson not voting. A quorum of 5 was present, 2 absent.

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

Submitted by:

Dustin Lovejoy 5-14-24
 Dustin Lovejoy, Secretary Date
 Omaha Tribal Council

Attest:

Jason Sheridan 5-14-24
 Jason Sheridan, Chairman Date
 Omaha Tribal Council