# **OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA**

Executive Officers Members
Jason Sheridan, Chairman
Leander Merrick, Vice-Chairman
Alan Harlan, Treasurer

Cheyenne Robinson, Secretary



Members Jerome Hamilton Galen Aldrich Sr. Dustin Lovejoy

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 25-66**

#### OF THE

## OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

- **RE:** DIRECTING EXECUTIVE STAFF TO PRIORITIZE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND A CLEAN AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025
- 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 recognizes the importance of maintaining sound financial management practices to ensure transparency, accountability, and effective use of tribal resources; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribe's annual audit is a critical tool for evaluating the Tribe's financial performance, ensuring compliance with federal, state, and tribal regulations, and protecting the Tribe's financial integrity; and
- WHEREAS, achieving a clean audit for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY 25) is essential to maintaining the Tribe's credibility with funding agencies, partners, and tribal members; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Chief of Tribal Operations, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Executive Officer, as key members of the Tribe's executive staff, play a vital role in implementing effective financial controls, timely reporting, and corrective actions to address audit findings; and
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Omaha Tribal Council directs the Chief of Tribal Operations, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Executive Officer to prioritize achieving a clean audit for FY 25 as a top organizational goal; and

### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the executive staff shall:

- 1. Collaborate with the Tribe's auditing firm and provide all required documentation in a timely and accurate manner;
- 2. Implement any necessary corrective actions to resolve prior audit findings or areas of concern;
- 3. Establish clear policies and internal controls to ensure compliance with financial regulations and best practices;
- 4. Regularly report to the Tribal Council on progress toward achieving a clean audit, including updates on corrective actions, financial controls, and audit readiness;

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Omaha Tribal Council commits to supporting the executive staff in this endeavor by providing the necessary resources, policy guidance, and oversight to ensure the success of this initiative.

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## **CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called meeting of the			
Omaha Tribal Council on the 13 day of January, 2025, and was adopted by a vote			
of: 6 for; 0 against; abstaining; with the Chairman not voting. A quorum of 7 was			
present.			
MEMBERS VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Jason Sheridan			Abstain
Jerome Hamilton	X		, ,0,0,10
<b>Dustin Lovejoy</b>	X		,
Alan Harlan	X		
Leander Merrick	X		
Galen Aldrich Sr	X	* .	No. 1
Cheyenne Robinson	X	1	
Submitted by:			
Cheyenne Robinson, MBA, MLS Omaha Tribal Council Secretary  Date			
Attest:  Jason Sheridan, Chairman  Omaha Tribal Council			
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