

Minnesota Indian Affairs Council

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, THE Minnesota Indian Affairs Council Membership consists of representatives of the eleven federally-recognized Indian Tribes located within the State of Minnesota, official members of the State Legislature and State Departments, and American Indian community members from Minneapolis/St. Paul, Bemidji, and Duluth; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council mission is to help protect the sovereignty of the tribes in Minnesota and ensure the well being of all American Indian citizens throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Governor Mark Dayton has signed Executive Order 11-08 which provides for the continuation of previous Executive Order 03-05 Affirming the Government-to-Government Relationship between the State of Minnesota and Indian Tribal Governments Located Within the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 11-08 acknowledges the unique legal relationship the United States and the State of Minnesota have with Indian tribes, as affirmed by the Constitution of the United States, treaties and statutes; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 11-08 orders the Agencies of the State of Minnesota and persons employed by state agencies to recognize the unique legal relationship between the State of Minnesota and Indian tribes, respect the fundamental principles that establish and maintain this relationship and accord tribal governments the same respect accorded to other governments, and when undertaking to formulate and implement policies or programs that directly affect Indian tribes and their members, the State and its agencies must recognize the unique government-to-government relationship between the State and Indian tribes and, whenever feasible, consult with the governments of the affected Indian tribe or tribes regarding a State action or proposed action that is anticipated to directly affect an Indian tribe; and

WHEREAS, the MN Department of Transportation (champion) and the Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, understand that consulting with tribal governments, while required by Executive Order, has developed into valued partnerships and the foundation of many successful projects which benefits all of Minnesota and that training and education on American Indian & Tribal Government issues is necessary for state employees to work effectively with tribes; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Liaisons from select State agencies, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, and other prominent American Indian educators (Advisory Group) are working together to create training and education for state employees about American Indian Tribal governments, histories, cultures and traditions to: empower state employees to work effectively with American Indians, and promote authentic and respectful relationship between Minnesota State Agencies and American Indian tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Vision of the Advisory Group is: "Our vision is a community that values and promotes knowledge, understanding and respect for American Indian governance, history and way of life"; and


WHEREAS, the Advisory Group acknowledges that American Indians hold a value of cultural responsibility of teaching others about their culture and will be intricately involved in every aspect of this project; and

WHEREAS, the value which will guide the methodology in accomplishing the project will be to work in collaboration with the American Indian Nations asking them what is important for non-Indian people to know and matching it up with the specific information needed by the various state agencies; and

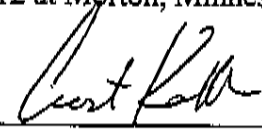
WHEREAS, the Advisory Group is seeking the support and endorsement of Minnesota tribes in our effort to create training and education for state employees about American Indian Tribal governments, histories, cultures and traditions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council hereby supports the Advisory Council in their effort to create training and education for state employees about American Indian Tribal governments, histories, cultures and traditions.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and acted upon by a vote of Yea _____, Nay _____, Abstain _____, at a special meeting of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, a quorum present, held on April 30, 2012 at Morton, Minnesota.



Kevin Leecy, Chairman
Minnesota Indian Affairs Council



Curt Kalk, Secretary
Minnesota Indian Affairs Council