



Lower Sioux Indian Community

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LOWER SIOUX COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 53-98

WHEREAS, The Lower Sioux Community Council desires to seek a formal vote of the Community on whether to amend the Lower Sioux Constitution to require a five year continuous residency period for members seeking to reacquire their membership privileges; and

WHEREAS, The Community Council has agreed upon proposed language for such an amendment; and

WHEREAS, Federal law requires that the Secretary of the Interior give preliminary authorization for a vote on a constitutional amendment upon the request of the tribal governing body.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Area Director of the Minneapolis Area of the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs is hereby requested to authorize an election of the Lower Sioux Community on a constitutional amendment which would add a subsection (a) to Section 3 of Article III "Membership" of the Lower Sioux Constitution, so that Section 3 and 3.(a) would read as follows (new language in underlined type):

SEC. 3. Any person who is a member of the Community, but has removed therefrom for a period of two (2) years, shall automatically forfeit all rights and privileges to the benefits of said community such as land assignments and sharing in community profits.

(a) Any member who does not have the rights and privileges of membership may acquire such rights and privileges by establishing residency in the Community for a period of five continuous years; provided that, if a member was a bona fide resident of the Community on the date this subsection (a) was approved by the required Community vote, such member may acquire the rights and privileges of membership under such Community law as was in effect prior to the date of such vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this amendment shall become effective immediately upon approval by the Community pursuant to the Constitution and approval by the Secretary of the Interior.

I do hereby certify that Resolution No. 53-98 was duly adopted by the Lower Sioux Community Council at a meeting held on the 1st day of September, 1998, a quorum being present, by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

Betty Lee
Betty Lee, Secretary

Signed: Roger Puscott
Member of Community Council

Signed: Justie W. Puscott
Member of Community Council

Signed: Linda Whitaker
Member of Community Council