



**INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION 02282023\_01**

### **Skills-based Trainings in Indian Country**

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council Membership consists of representatives of ten federally-recognized Tribal Governments located within the State of Minnesota, members of the legislature, commissioners from the state departments, and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council is a liaison between the state and local units of government in the delivery of services to the American Indians in the State of Minnesota, and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council acknowledges that the Minnesota Department of Transportation, in an effort to tackle social economic disparities affecting Indian Country, establishes a program to provide access to skills-based trainings in Indian Country to build capacity in Minnesota's construction industry and native-owned small businesses;

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council applauds and supports this trending practice of providing sustainable access to skills-based trainings to American Indian people in Indian Country;

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council acknowledges that providing access to trainings for Native Americans aims to foster access to employment for tribal members;


**WHEREAS**, the sovereign Tribal Governments acknowledge these advancements regarding tribal access to trainings through consultation and coordination, and notes that trainings must be tailored to the Tribes to be effective and impactful.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council advocates for sustainable access to skills-based trainings in Indian Country; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council has a special interest in ensuring the training of qualified Native Americans in careers which enhance the livability and transportation of Indian tribes and people;

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council supports the skills-based training program, proposed legislation, and access to employment for tribal members.

**CERTIFICATION:** We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and acted upon by a vote of 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent, a Regular Meeting of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, a quorum present, held on February 27, 2023, at Cansayapi, Lower Sioux Indian Community, Minnesota.

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Robert L. Larsen, Chairman  
Minnesota Indian Affairs Council

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Robert Deschampe, Vice Chairman  
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