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October 29, 2025

Bob Jaszczak
Superintendent
Red Wing Public Schools
2451 Eagle Ridge Drive
Red Wing, MN 55066
bjaszczak@rwps.org

RE: Red Wing Public Schools' Minn. Stat. §121A.041, subd. 3 request

Dear Superintendent Jaszczak:

The Prairie Island Indian Community ("Community") received your September 4, 2025, request, made pursuant to Minn. Stat. §121A.041, subd. 3, for the Community's consent to an exemption from the State of Minnesota's prohibition on Native American-related mascots and logos (enclosed).

Thank you for providing follow up information and setting up the October 21, 2025, meeting with the Red Wing American Indian Parent Advisory Committee. The Community consents to the Red Wing Public Schools' requested exemption consistent with Minn. Stat. §121A.041, subd. 3 (*see* enclosed Resolution).

Pidámaya do (Thank you),

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Grant Johnson".

Grant Johnson
Tribal Council President

cc: Yvonne Oberly, Tribal Administration, Prairie Island Indian Community

Enclosures, as noted

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Prairie Island Tribal Council
(A Tribal Government)

RESOLUTION 25-10-29-218

WHEREAS, the Prairie Island Indian Community (“Community”) in the State of Minnesota (also known as the Prairie Island Mdewakanton Dakota Community) is a federally recognized Tribe organized under 25 U.S.C. § 5123, and is governed under the terms of a Constitution and Bylaws adopted by Tribal members on May 23, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on June 20, 1936, as amended (“Constitution and Bylaws”); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and Bylaws provide in Article IV, Section 1 that the Community Council (sometimes referred to as the “Tribal Council”) shall be the governing body for the Community; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has the inherent pre-Constitutional authority, and authority under the Constitution and Bylaws, to promulgate ordinances, resolutions, and regulations, and consider various legal matters that fall within the authority of a federally recognized Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is the duly elected body and the only entity authorized to act or speak on behalf of the Community; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Minnesota State Legislature (“Legislature”) enacted a law with the goal of eliminating Native American mascots and logos in Minnesota State schools and, in 2025, the Legislature amended that law to allow schools to seek consent for an exemption from the closest Federally recognized Tribe and the district’s American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (“AIPAC”), if it exists (*see* Minnesota Statutes 2024, §121A.041, subds. 2 & 3); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §121A.041, subd. 3, the Red Wing Public Schools has requested an exemption for the use of the Wingers, the Winger bird, an Eagle head, and the red quill pen, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, after evaluating the associated representations of the mascot, name, and logos within the context and history of the Red Wing Public Schools and, after meeting with the Red Wing AIPAC, as well as receiving input from the Community's Education department regarding the work between the Red Wing Public Schools and the Community, the Tribal Council consents to the requested exemption.

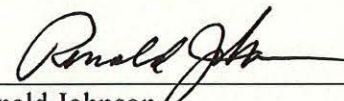
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Community, acting through its elected Tribal Council, hereby consents to the Red Wing Public Schools' requested mascot exemption pursuant to Minn. Stat. §121A.041, subd. 3.

VOTE SUMMARY


President Grant Johnson	<u>X</u>	for,	___	against,	___	abstain,	___	absent
Vice President Ronald Johnson	<u>X</u>	for,	___	against,	___	abstain,	___	absent
Secretary Valentina Mgeni	<u>X</u>	for,	___	against,	___	abstain,	___	absent
Treasurer Michael Childs Jr.	<u>X</u>	for,	___	against,	___	abstain,	___	absent
Asst. Sec./Treas. Constance Campbell	<u>X</u>	for,	___	against,	___	abstain,	___	absent



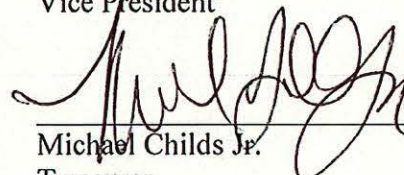
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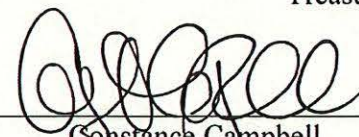
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