

Lower Sioux Indian Community

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LOWER SIOUX INDIAN COMMUNITY RESOLUTION NO. _

07-197

SUPPORT FOR PREZ ON THE REZ

WHEREAS, The Lower Sioux Indian Community is a duly organized and federally-recognized Indian Tribe under 25 U.S.C. §476, and is governed by the terms of a Constitution and By-Laws originally adopted by the Tribal Members on May 16, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on April 23, 1936; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Constitution and Bylaws, the Community Council is the governing body of the Lower Sioux Indian Community; and

WHEREAS, the Community Council has the authority, as enumerated in ARTICLE V – POWERS, including but not limited to: (a) To negotiate with the Federal, State, and local Governments on behalf of the Community, and to advise and consult with the representatives of the Interior Department ...; (b) To employ counsel for the protection and advancement of the rights of the Community and its members ...; (c) To approve or veto any sale, disposition, lease, or encumbrance of community lands, interests in lands, or other community assets; (d) To advise the Secretary of the Interior with regard to all appropriation estimates or Federal projects for the benefit of the Community prior to the submission of such estimates to the Bureau of the Budget and to Congress; (e) To make assignments of community land to members of the Community in conformity with Article IX of this Constitution; (f) To manage all economic affairs and enterprises of the Community in accordance with the terms of a charter ...; (g) To appropriate for public purposes of the Lower Sioux Indian Community available funds within the exclusive control of the Community; (h) To levy assessments upon members of the Community for the use of Community property and privileges, and to permit the performance of reservation labor in lieu thereof, and to levy; (i) To safeguard and promote

the peace, safety, morals, and general welfare of the Community by regulating the conduct of trade and the use and disposition of property upon the reservation ...; (j) To establish ordinances ...; (k) To regulate the manner of taking nominations for Community officers and of holding community elections ...; (l) To adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the Community Council itself and of other Community agencies and community officials; (m) To encourage and foster the arts, crafts, traditions, and culture of the Mdewakanton Sioux Indians of Minnesota; (n) To charter subordinate organizations for economic purposes and to regulate the activities of all such organizations ...; (o) To protect and preserve the property, wildlife and natural resources of the Community; (p) To delegate to subordinate boards, or community officials, or to cooperative associations ...; (q) To select delegates to sit in the annual conference of the Minnesota Mdewakanton Sioux Indians and in the National Council of the entire Sioux Nation; and,

WHEREAS, Prez On The Rez, a historic forum that will assemble Democratic presidential candidates together on Indian land for the first time in American Indian history, is gaining momentum. Democratic presidential candidate Bill Richardson has committed to participate and INDN's List founder Kalyn Free confirmed she is in "active discussions" with the rest of the Democratic candidates and is confident all of the candidates will participate in the event; and,

WHEREAS, The forum, called Prez on the Rez, is an unprecedented event that will gather the Democratic presidential candidates to discuss with tribal leaders across the United States the challenges and opportunities facing Indian Country today; and,

WHEREAS, "No major presidential campaign event has ever come to Indian Country," said Morongo Tribal Chairman Robert Martin. This represents a historic opportunity for this country's First Americans to take a direct role in the future of America by holding a national level forum for presidential candidates. We couldn't be more proud to make history for Indian Country by hosting this extraordinary event; and,


WHEREAS, According to INDN's List Education Fund founder and President Kalyn Free, Indian nations around the country sought to host the historic forum, which will be held Thursday, August 23, 2007. Free said that the Morongo Band was chosen because of the caliber of the facilities and resources that the Morongo Tribe can offer; for its accessible location in southern California for both participants and national media; and California's decision to hold its primary in February, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lower Sioux Indian Community hereby encourages Indian country to only support a Democratic candidate that attends Prez on the Rez.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Lower Sioux Indian Community hereby encourages each Democratic candidate to attend Prez on the Rez.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that Resolution No. 927 WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE Community Council of the Lower Sioux Indian Community at a meeting held on the 4 day of June, 2007, a quorum being present by a vote of 3 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstaining.


Shannon Blue, President