

THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE

ORDINANCE NO. 7

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe is federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (also known as the Wheeler-Howard Act)(48 Stat. 984), having a constitution and by-laws which were approved by the Secretary of Interior, and

WHEREAS, individuals, foundations and others have sought to make contributions or grants to the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe to permit it to carry out certain activities, with said contributions being dependent upon the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe being a qualified 501 (c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code, and

WHEREAS, even though the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe is not a taxable entity, contributions to it are not considered tax-exempt by the Internal Revenue Service as the Tribe does not meet the criteria set forth in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe desires to create an organization which will qualify as a 501 (c) (3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Inc., is hereby created to carry on all activities permitted under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Attached Charter and Articles of incorporation for said corporation are hereby approved for the above stated purpose, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said corporation file its by-laws with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; that said corporation file an annual report (or more frequently as the Tribal Executive Committee of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe determines) of its revenue, expenditures and activities; and that said corporation take immediate steps to apply for recognition of exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was presented and acted upon by a vote of 11 for, 0 against, at a special meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Executive Committee, a quorum present, held on November 30, 1979, at Cass Lake, Minnesota.

Darrell Wadena, President
THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE

Daniel Morrison, Secretary
THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE

**CHARTER AND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE, INC.**

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Tribal Executive Committee by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and by the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's inherent power, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Inc., is hereby chartered to engage as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be: Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Inc.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of this corporation shall be: To engage in any charitable, religious, education or scientific purpose, but to specifically:

1. Establish a social service emergency fund for the purpose of providing assistance to members of the Tribe who, due to a death, disaster, sickness, etc., need emergency help to pay for food, clothing, shelter, travel, etc.
2. Publish and distribute a newspaper concerning the activities of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, its member reservation and members.
3. Seek funding from private foundations for the establishment of programs or construction of buildings, roads, etc., for the betterment of the members of the Tribe.
4. Make distributions to any organization which qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE III

The location of the registered office of the corporation shall be Box 217, Cass Lake, Minnesota.

ARTICLE IV

This corporation shall not afford pecuniary gain, incidentally or otherwise to its members.

ARTICLE V

The period of duration of the corporate existence of this corporation shall be perpetual. In the event of dissolution, any remaining assets shall be distributed to organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE VI

The number of Directors constituting the Board of Directors shall be twelve (12) which shall consist of the duly elected chairman and secretary-treasurer of the following Indian Reservations:

1. Bois Forte
2. Fond du Lac
3. Grand Portage
4. Leech Lake
5. Mille Lacs
6. White Earth

The present names and addresses of the first Board of Directors is as follows:

1. Gary Donald, Chairman – Bois Forte Reservation, Nett Lake, MN
2. Daniel Morrison, Sr., Secretary/Treasurer – Bois Forte Reservation, Nett Lake, MN
3. William Houle, Chairman – Fond du Lac Reservation, Cloquet, MN
4. Bernard Loons, Secretary/Treasurer – Fond du Lac Reservation, Cloquet, MN
5. James Hendrickson, Chairman – Grand Portage Reservation, Grand Portage, MN
6. Norman Deschampe, Secretary/Treasurer – Grand Portage Reservation, Grand Portage, MN
7. Hartley White, Chairman – Leech Lake Reservation, Cass Lake, MN
8. Alfred Pemberton, Secretary/Treasurer – Leech Lake Reservation, Cass Lake, MN
9. Arthur Gahbow, Chairman – Mille Lacs Reservation, Onamia, MN
10. Doug Sam, Secretary/Treasurer – Mille Lacs Reservation, Onamia, MN
11. Darrell Wadena, Chairman – White Earth Reservation, White Earth, MN
12. Vernon Bellecourt, Secretary/Treasurer – White Earth Reservation, White Earth, MN

The first Board of Directors shall serve until they are replaced in office through election or appointment.

ARTICLE VII

The extent of personal liability, if any, of members or Board of Directors for corporation obligations and the methods of enforcement and collection are as follows:

NONE

ARTICLE VIII

The corporation shall have no capital stock.

ARTICLE IX

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propoganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE X

The names and addresses of the first officers of the corporation shall be:

1. Darrell Wadena, President
2. Norman Deschampe, Vice-President
3. Daniel Morrison, Sr., Secretary
4. Hartley White, Treasurer

Until the corporation determines otherwise, the President and Secretary are authorized to act in behalf of the corporation and sign documents for it.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this **thirtieth** day o f **November**, 1979.

Darrell Wadena, President
THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE

Daniel Morrison, Sr., Secretary
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