

THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE

ORDINANCE NO. 5

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and its six member Bands have under its Constitution and inherent sovereign powers been exercising the powers of self-government and do provide governmental services and employment to the members of the Tribe and the Bands; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, its six member Bands and individual members have won court decisions supporting Tribe, Band and individual Indian claims to be free of State civil regulation and taxation within the boundaries of the six reservations comprising the Tribe and on trust lands off the reservations, and

WHEREAS, the six member Bands have all entered into agreement on refunding of State sales and State excise taxes, whereby the State refunds to each Band Reservation Business Committee sums of money based on population on the reservation and not on actual sales and said Bands use said money to support the Bands self-government for the betterment of all Tribal members living on each of the six reservations, and

WHEREAS, an actual refund of State sales and excise taxes to individual Tribal members living and purchasing items subject to State taxes on their reservation would be cumbersome and difficult to administer, and would not help self-government and self-determination, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that revenues be raised to provide operating funds for services and employment on each reservation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, through its Executive Committee, does adopt the following ordinance:

1. That all agreements for the refund of sales taxes and excise taxes by the State of Minnesota to a Band or Bands comprising or being members of The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe shall be deemed a taxing ordinance of that Band whose governing body has entered into the agreement with the State of Minnesota.
2. That said refunds shall be expended by the Bands' governing body for those governmental and business purposes that the Bands' Reservation Business Committee deems proper to accomplish its goals of self-government and self-determination.

Adopted on this 7th day of June, 1979, at a special meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Executive Committee, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, a quorum present, by a vote of 10 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

Darrell Wadena, President
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ATTEST: Daniel Morrison, Sr., Secretary
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