

Sokaogon Chippewa Community

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RESOLUTION # 09-07A-05

WHEREAS, the Sokaogon Chippewa Community is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized under a Constitution adopted August 25th, 1938, and approved on November 9th, 1938, pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act; and

WHEREAS, the Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians adopted a Constitution on November 9th, 1938, as amended which confers certain sovereign powers upon the Tribal Council by the members of the Sokaogon Chippewa Community; and

WHEREAS, the on and off reservation water resources of the Sokaogon Chippewa Community of the Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians are critical to the health, welfare, and cultural integrity of the Band;

WHEREAS, Midwest Environmental Advocates, Inc., the River Alliance of Wisconsin, and 42 other conservation organizations with the State of Wisconsin petitioned the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on August 17th, 2004 to raise the regulatory status of approximately 100 rivers and river segments in the twenty northern-most counties in northern Wisconsin to Exceptional Resource Water status or Outstanding Resource Water status through an administrative rulemaking under Section 227.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes;

WHEREAS, the proposed rulemaking does not include river segments flowing in and through the Mole Lake Band reservation, since the Mole Lake Band exerts its jurisdiction through its own codes and ordinances; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by this council, in the regular session assembled, hereby supports the proposal put forth by Midwest Environmental Advocates, the River Alliance of Wisconsin and other conservation groups, excluding waters flowing through or within the exterior boundaries of the reservation, as mentioned herein, since it will assist in protecting and preserving waters in the Band's ceded territory.

Sandra Rachal
Tribal Chairperson

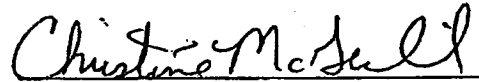
Tina L. Van Zile
Vice Chairperson

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Treasurer

Christine McGeshick
Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary, hereby certify that Resolution 09-07A-05 was duly adopted by the Sokaogon Chippewa Community Tribal Council, composed of 6 members of whom 4 were present, which constitutes a quorum, held on the 7th day of September, by a vote of 4 member(s) for, and 0 member(s) against, and 0 member(s) abstaining, and 2 member(s) absent.


Christine McGeshick, Tribal Secretary