

RESOLUTION
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES
OF THE FLATHEAD NATION

RESOLUTION TO SIGNIFY THE TRIBES' DESIRE AND COMMITMENT TO FULLY INTEGRATING TRADITIONAL CULTURAL VALUES AND LANGUAGES INTO THE DAILY LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE RESERVATION CONSISTENT WITH THE TRIBES' MISSION AND VISION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(a), the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes is empowered "[t]o regulate the uses and disposition of tribal property, to protect and preserve the tribal property, wildlife and natural resources of the Confederated Tribes, to cultivate Indian arts, crafts, and culture, to administer charity; to protect the health, security, and general welfare of the Confederated Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted the Vision that "the traditional values that served our people in the past are imbedded in the many ways we serve and invest in our people and communities, in the way we have regained and restored our homelands and natural resources, in the ways we have built a self-sufficient society and economy, in the ways we govern our Reservation and represent ourselves to the rest of the world and in the ways we continue to preserve our right to determine our own destiny; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes' Mission "is to adopt traditional principles and values into all facets of Tribal operations and services. We will invest in our people in a manner that ensures our ability to become a completely self-sufficient society and economy. And we will provide sound environmental stewardship to preserve, perpetuate, protect and enhance natural resources and ecosystems;" and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that integrating daily consideration and use of traditional values and activities and native languages, including sign language, into the lives of Reservation residents in a manner consistent with the Tribes' Mission and Vision, are vital to the health, security and general welfare of the Tribes and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes', on July 26, 2016, officially adopted the strategic priorities of Cultural Perpetuation, Economic Development, and Health and Wellness to drive future decision-making, and this resolution aligns with those previously established priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that, consistent with the Tribes' Mission and Vision, it is in the best interests of the Tribes to ensure that traditional cultural values are clearly articulated and demonstrable, and that native languages are clearly understood, so that both may be integrated into the daily lives of Reservation residents; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that it is necessary to authorize and direct the Executive Officer to direct available staff and resources to facilitate the defining of traditional cultural values, teaching of native languages, and integration of both into the daily lives of Reservation residents; now therefore

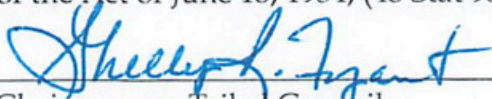
BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes hereby authorizes and directs the Executive Officer, in coordination with the Salish and Kootenai Culture Committees, to direct available staff and resources, and to take such other actions permitted by the laws and policies of the Tribes, to accomplish these objectives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Executive Officer or his designee shall report to the Council on the progress of the directives established by this resolution on a regular basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council may designate a Councilmember or Councilmembers to act as the Council's liaison for any such meetings and other engagements which may require representation of the Tribal Council to give effect to this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council on July 13, 2021, by a vote of 10 for, 0 opposed, and 0 not voting, pursuant to authority vested in it by article VI, Section 1 (a), (h), and (u) of the Tribes' Constitution and Bylaws; said Constitution adopted and approved under Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934, (48 Stat 984), as amended.


Chairwoman, Tribal Council

ATTEST:


Tribal Council Secretary