RESOLUTION 31-15

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Executive Committee is the duly elected
governing body of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, comprised of six
member reservations (Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, Leech
Lake, Mille Lacs, and White Earth); and

WHEREAS, Article II of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota
Chippewa Tribe prescribes the criteria for membership; and

WHEREAS, one of the requirements is that persons born after July 3, 1961, must
possess at least one quarter (1/4) degree Minnesota Chippewa Indian
blood; and

WHEREAS, the term “Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood” has been defined by the
Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Executive Committee to be blood derived from
one or more of the six constituent Bands of the Minnesota Chippewa
Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Executive Committee finds that the current
membership provision is too restrictive because it does not permit other
Chippewa (Ojibwe) blood to be included when determining eligibility for
membership; and

WHEREAS, many Minnesota Chippewa possess varying degrees of other Chippewa
blood and that blood should not be excluded when determining eligibility
for tribal membership; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Executive Committee believes that the
adult members of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe should be able to cast a
ballot on the question of whether other Chippewa blood should be counted
towards membership; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Executive
Committee does hereby support this resolution pursuant to Article XII to
call an election to amend Article II, section 1, by adding a paragraph that
provides:

(*) The Minnesota Chippewa Indian blood of persons
enrolled on the effective date of this amendment shall be
corrected on the membership rolls of the Tribe by including
the verified First Nation Anishinabe blood possessed by the
member.
We do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly presented and acted upon by a vote of 9 For, 0 Against, 3 Silent (Erma Vizenor, Carolyn Beaulieu, Dennis Morrison), at a Regular Meeting of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Executive Committee, a quorum present, held on February 24, 2015 at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Norman W. Deschampe, President
THE MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE

Melanie Benjamin, Secretary
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