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Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. Board of Directors

Resolution No. 2022-07.02 Support for Brothertown Indian Nation Restoration to Federally Recognized Tribe

Whereas, the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. (GLITC) is a consortium of eleven federally recognized Indian tribes located in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; and

Whereas, the Brothertown Indian Nation traces its ancestral roots to seven American Indian tribes resident at the time of white contact in Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York, which tribes joined together under pressure of the geographic and economic dislocation caused by white contact; and

Whereas, in 1774, the Brothertown Indian Nation settled on a parcel of land within the Oneida territory in New York at the invitation of the Oneida Nation, which parcel came to be known as Brothertown; and

Whereas, in 1789, the state of New York passed an act directing that a tract of land be laid out in Brothertown and confirmed for said Indians; and

Whereas, the United States established a government to government relationship with the Brothertown Indian Nation in the Treaty of 1794 (7 Stat.24) (confirming the state Treaty of Fort Schuyler of 1788), the Treaty of 1831 (7 Stat. 342), the Treaty of 1831 (7 Stat. 346), the Treaty of 1832 (7 Stat. 405) and the Treaty of 1838 (7 Stat 550); and

Whereas, the state of New York dispossessed the Brothertown Indian Nation of the tract of land that had been laid out for it in a series of state actions between 1796 and 1815; and

Whereas, the Brothertown Indian Nation was forced to relocate along with other New York Indians to Wisconsin, eventually settling upon a reservation on the east side of Lake Winnebago; and

Whereas, in 1839 Congress gave United States citizenship to members of the Brothertown Indian Nation and in that same Act terminated the Nation and allotted its land; and

Whereas, the Brothertown Indian Nation engaged in the federal acknowledgement process through the Bureau of Indian Affairs beginning in 1980 believing this process would provide an avenue for the Nation to re-establish its federal relationship; and

Whereas, in 2012 the U.S. Department of the Interior issued a decision that the Brothertown Indian Nation was terminated in the 1839 congressional act granting U.S. citizenship; and

Whereas, only Congress can reverse termination and restore the Brothertown Indian Nation to its former status as a federally recognized Indian tribe; and

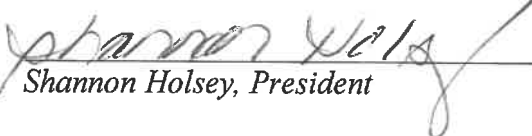
Whereas, the present day Brothertown Indian Nation is governed by a Tribal Council pursuant to the Tribal Constitution and the Bylaws of the Brothertown Indian Nation, amended January 20, 2007, and maintains its headquarters at the Brothertown Indian Nation Community Center located in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin at 311 Winnebago Drive; and

Whereas, the Brothertown Indian Nation seeks the support of the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council to be restored to its status as a federally recognized Indian tribe; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc., Board of Directors hereby issues its support for congressional legislation to restore the Brothertown Indian Nation to the status of a federally recognized tribe, as it was previously.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned President of the Board of Directors of the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc., do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors on the 14 day of July, 2022.


Shannon Holsey, President