

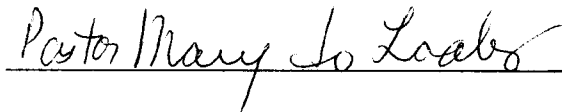
**The Indigenous Peoples Allies Committee
First Congregational Church, U.C.C., Appleton, WI**

**Support for Restoring Federal Tribe
Recognition to Brothertown Indian Nation**

- WHEREAS**, the Indigenous Peoples Alliance Committee of First Congregational U.C.C., Appleton, WI, is dedicated to working with Native Americans as friends and allies on issues of concern to our Native American sisters and brothers; and
- WHEREAS**, the Brothertown Indian Nation traces its origin to seven Federally recognized Algonquin-speaking tribal nations originating in Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York which came together under pressure of geographic and economic hardships caused by an influx of European settlers; and
- WHEREAS**, the United States Government formerly recognized the sovereignty of Brothertown Indian Nation in several treaties, including the Treaty of 1832 (7 Stat. 405), which also set aside land in Wisconsin, in what is now Calumet County, WI. for the Brothertown Nation; and
- WHEREAS**, after being removed six times, the Brothertown Indian Nation sought to stop the removal process by becoming American Citizens (H.R. 1112 25th Congress) (1837-1839), but did not seek termination as a federally recognized Tribal Nation; and
- WHEREAS** the Brothertown Indian Nation established a government on Nov. 7, 1785 and have maintained it to the present. The Brothertown government consists of a constitution, bylaws, and elected officials. The officials include a Tribal Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and five Council Members. There is a judiciary, called Peacekeepers, made up of five elected members and an Office of Environmental and Natural Resources; and
- WHEREAS** the Brothertown Indian Nation members have proudly served in the United States armed services since the Revolutionary War; and
- WHEREAS** all Native Americans since June 2, 1924, have been granted citizenship without having to forfeit membership in their tribal nations or those nations required to give up their federal recognition; and
- WHEREAS** the Brothertown Indian Nation has sought and received the support of the eleven tribes comprising the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council in their effort to restore the Brothertown as a federally recognized Tribal Nation; and

WHEREAS the Brothertown Indian Nation has sought the support of their fellow Wisconsin citizens in their effort to restore the Brothertown as a federally recognized Tribal Nation; and

Now, therefore be it resolved that we the Indigenous Peoples Allies Committee (IPAC) of First Congregational Church U.C.C., Appleton, WI, support the efforts of our Brothers and Sisters of the Brothertown Indian Nation to restore their federal status as a sovereign Indigenous nation by act of Congress. Brothertown, whose people, history and culture have contributed so much to the State of Wisconsin and the United States of America deserves to be a Federally recognized Tribal Nation of Wisconsin



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