

RESOLUTION 02182020 01

SUPPORT FOR EARTHLODGE BUILDING

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council Membership consists of representatives of the eleven federally-recognized Indian Tribes located within the State of Minnesota, members of the legislature, commissioners from the state departments, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council is a liaison between the state and local units of government in the delivery of services to the American Indians in the State of Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, earthlodge building is one of Minnesota's ancient cultural traditions and this cultural tradition is far older than the building tradition and codes of the State of Minnesota; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council hereby supports Makoce Ikikcupi's efforts to recover homeland and practice our cultural traditions, including earthlodge building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council fully supports the efforts of Makoce Ikikcupi earthlodge building and agree these cultural dwellings should be exempt from Minnesota building codes because they do not apply.

CERTIFICATION: We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and acted upon by a vote of 10 For, 0 Against, 0 Silent at Regular Meeting of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, a quorum present, held on February 18, 2020, at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Robert, L Larsen, Chairman

Minnesota Indian Affairs Council

Shelley Buck, Vice Chairwoman Minnesota Indian Affairs Council

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