



Pride of the Ojibwe

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PROCLAMATION HONORING THE RED LAKE NATION'S HISTORIC AND PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP IN THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians is a Federally Recognized Indian Government, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 461, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Governing Board serves as the governing body of the Tribe pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Governing Board passed Tribal Governing Board Resolution No. 2024-22 on February 12, 2024, repealing Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Code of Law GNC.4.4.060 its entirety as it relates to the civil penalties for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia; and

WHEREAS, as of November 2023 there are 38 states plus Washington DC and four territories with marijuana legalization—including 24 states plus Washington DC, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands that have legalized adult-use marijuana—serving at least four million medical patients; and

WHEREAS, tribally-owned marijuana retail operations have increased by nearly 25% since 2023 and there are nearly 50 Tribes that own and/or operate marijuana operations across the United States, several of which are in our neighboring state of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Governing Board acknowledges the Red Lake Nation Tribal Council as the duly elected governing body of the Red Lake Nation, a federally recognized Indian Tribe with inherent sovereign authority to make its own laws, and to govern activities on Tribal lands through which they established a system of medical marijuana following the overwhelming support and passage of a medical marijuana referendum in May 2020, becoming the first Tribe in the state to vote in favor of medical marijuana and the first entity in the state to offer medical cannabis in flower form; and

WHEREAS, Red Lake Nation Tribal Council passed Res. No. 117-2023 in July 2023, authorizing adult-use cannabis cultivation, production, and sales, enacted as Chapter 1950: Adult Use Cannabis Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Native Care, a cannabis retail facility owned by the Red Lake Nation, opened for the first adult-use sales in the state on August 1, 2023—the date state legalization went into effect—serving hundreds of patrons as the only adult-use retail facility.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Tribal Governing Board honors the Red Lake Nation for their historic cannabis legalization and operations, marking a momentous accomplishment as one of the first Tribes in the Great Lakes Region to offer cannabis products before their respective state.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Tribal Governing Board applauds the Red Lake Nation for their innovative, forward-thinking services and opportunities that include a mobile dispensary that serves members across the Reservation, personal cultivation for members, and cannabis-based events focused on improving cannabis competency and consumer awareness.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY PROCLAIMED, that the Tribal Governing Board recognizes Red Lake Nation’s leadership in the cannabis industry as a powerful assertion of tribal sovereignty that has championed a deconstruction of the harmful narratives regarding cannabis as plant medicine, high-retention employment for tribal members, and economic expansion for community services.

The Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2024.

Louis Taylor, Chairman

Tweed Shuman, Vice-Chairperson

William Trepanier, Secretary/Treasurer

Michelle Beaudin, Council Member

David Bisonette, Council Member

Don Carley, Council Member

Gary Clause, Council Member