



Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

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TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. SWO-24-_____

A Resolution Restricting the South Dakota Governor's Access to Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Trust Lands

- WHEREAS,** The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate is organized under a Constitution and By-laws adopted by the members of the Tribe on August 1-2, 1966, and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on August 25, 1966, and last amended effective November 15, 2006; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Constitution, ARTICLE I, states that the jurisdiction of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate shall extend to lands lying in the territory within the original confines of the Lake Traverse Reservation as described in Article III of the Treaty of February 19, 1867 and those lands subsequently acquired by the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate; and
- WHEREAS,** Our Treaty authorizes the Tribal Council “to adopt such rules, regulations, or laws for the security of life and property . . .” and “to organize a force sufficient to carry out all such rules, regulations, or laws, and all rules and regulations for the government”; and
- WHEREAS,** The Constitution, ARTICLE III, Section 1, states that the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate shall be governed by a Council, and Article VII, Section 1 states that the Council shall have, among other powers, the power to promulgate and enforce ordinances governing the conduct of persons under the jurisdiction of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate; and
- WHEREAS,** The Constitution, ARTICLE VII, Section 1, states, among others, that the Tribal Council shall have the power to promote public health, and to promulgate and enforce ordinances governing the conduct of person under the jurisdiction of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate; and
- WHEREAS,** In accordance with our inherent and Constitutional authority, and rights under the treaties with the United States, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation may exclude persons from its lands, including, among others, those persons seeking to harm the Oyate and its way of life; and
- WHEREAS,** Governor Kristi Noem of South Dakota has made statements and undertaken actions that have been injurious towards the parents of tribal children, thus detracting from the value of their education; and