

WHEREAS, Governor Noem's words and actions have undermined the authority and efforts of the Tribal Council of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate in combating the prevailing drug epidemic, thereby affecting the welfare and sovereignty of our Tribal Nation; and

WHEREAS, The respect for tribal governance, education, and the well-being of its members is paramount to the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, and any actions that undermine these values cannot be tolerated within our lands; and

WHEREAS, Governor Noem's continued comments are irresponsible and go against all efforts tribes make to collaborate with the State of South Dakota for the purpose of public safety for all of our communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate hereby stands with the tribal nations in South Dakota by restricting and banning Governor Kristi Noem's access to the Trust Lands of the Lake Traverse Reservation until such time as a formal and public apology is issued by Governor Noem acknowledging the grievance caused by her actions and statements towards the parents of our tribal children, the education we provide our children, and for her undermining the Tribal Council's efforts to combat the drug epidemic.

CERTIFICATION

We, the Undersigned duly elected Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Council which is composed of 10 members (representing a total of 15 Tribal Council weighted votes and two Executive Committee votes for a total of 17 votes) _____ of whom constitute a quorum, were present at a Tribal Council meeting, duly noticed, called, convened and held at the TiWakan Tio Tipi, Agency Village, South Dakota, December _____ 2023, by a vote of _____ for, _____ opposed, _____ abstained, _____ absent from vote, _____ not voting, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this _____ day of April 2024.

J. Garret Renville, Tribal Chairman
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation

ATTEST:

Curtis Bissonette, Tribal Secretary
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation