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Prairie Island Indian Community
(A Tribal Government)

RESOLUTION 17-03-08-35

WHEREAS, the Prairie Island Indian Community in the State of Minnesota (also known as the Prairie Island Mdewakanton Dakota Community) is a federally recognized tribe organized under 25 U.S.C. § 476, and is governed under the terms of a Constitution and Bylaws adopted by tribal members on May 23, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on June 20, 1936, as amended (the "Constitution and Bylaws"); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and Bylaws provide in Article IV, Section 1 that the Community Council (sometimes referred to as the Tribal Council) shall be the governing body for the Prairie Island Indian Community; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has the authority under the Constitution and Bylaws to promulgate ordinances, resolutions, and regulations, and consider various legal matters that fall within the authority of a federally recognized Indian tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has the authority under the Constitution and Bylaws to promote the general welfare of the Community by regulating the conduct of trade and the use and disposition of property upon the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is the duly elected body and the only entity authorized to act or speak on behalf of the Prairie Island Indian Community; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council and Prairie Island Indian Community recognizes that traditional sacred tobacco is used for prayer, spiritual guidance, discipline, and protection; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council supports upholding the teachings and practices related to traditional sacred tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council acknowledges that harmful commercial tobacco, or any product containing, made or derived from tobacco, including e-cigarettes, that is intended for human consumption, (not including traditional sacred tobacco) is a leading cause of preventable death and disease for American Indians; and

WHEREAS, secondhand cigarette smoke exposure is another leading cause of preventable death, which causes disease in healthy nonusers; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes that cigarette butts leach toxic chemicals into the ground – including arsenic, cadmium, and lead – which pollute the environment and harm local ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes that the health of the people is of utmost importance and it is the responsibility of the Tribal Council to create healthy social norms for the community, especially youth, and to act as good stewards of the earth by preserving environmental resources; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed and approves the Prairie Island Indian Community Healthier Environments Tobacco Policy, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council approves the Prairie Island Indian Community Healthier Environments Tobacco Policy attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council Secretary shall work with Community staff to notify Community members and employees about this Policy through appropriate channels of communication such as the Tinta Wita newsletter, the employee handbook, and/or clear signage at non-commercial Community buildings.