

RESOLUTION OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL  
OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE  
(An Unincorporated Tribe).

RESOLUTION OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE RATIFYING AND AFFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF TRIBAL PROSECUTORS LANCE FILLS THE PIPE, VERNONA KILLS RIGHT, AND WAMNIYOMNI BEAR RUNNER AND EXTENDING THE TERMS OF THESE TRIBAL PROSECUTORS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEIR POSITIONS CAN BE ADVERTISED BY THE TRIBAL SECRETARY AND FILLED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the Oglala Sioux Tribe has adopted its Constitution and By-Laws by referendum vote on December 14, 1935, in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, codified as amended at 25 U.S.C. § 5123, and under Article III of the Oglala Sioux Tribe Constitution, the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and

WHEREAS, the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council has exercised its authority under Art. V, § 1(k), of the Oglala Sioux Tribe Constitution to establish a "reservation court," with courthouses in Pine Ridge and Kyle, and

WHEREAS, the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council has established four Tribal Prosecutor positions to prosecute criminal offenses in the Pine Ridge and Kyle courthouses, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 17-202 (Nov. 28, 2017), the Tribal Council appointed Lance Fills the Pipe to serve as Tribal Prosecutor, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 18-17 (Jan. 30, 2018), the Tribal Council appointed Vernona Kills Right to serve as Tribal Prosecutor, and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2021, the Law and Order Committee of the Tribal Council approved a motion to extend the terms of Tribal Prosecutors Lance Fills the Pipe and Vernona Kills Right until such time as their positions can be advertised by the Tribal Secretary and filled by the Tribal Council, and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020, during the height of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Tribe appointed Wamniyomni Bear Runner on a temporary, emergency basis to serve as Tribal Prosecutor until such time as the position could be advertised and filled, and

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WHEREAS, on March 3, 2021, the Law and Order Committee of the Tribal Council approved a motion to ratify and affirm the appointment of Wamniyomni Bear Runner as Tribal Prosecutor and to extend her term until such time as her position can be advertised by the Tribal Secretary and filled by the Tribal Council, and

WHEREAS, during the height of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Tribe was forced to impose a freeze on job advertisements and regular, non-emergency hires, and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is now in a position to advertise the Tribal Prosecutor positions now held by Tribal Prosecutors Lance Fills the Pipe, Vernona Kills Right, and Wamniyomni Bear Runner and to present the applications to the Tribal Council so it can appoint individuals to fill these positions, and

WHEREAS, the fourth Tribal Prosecutor, Debra Mousseau, was appointed by the Tribal Council by Resolution No. 19-87 (Apr. 30, 2019), and she has more than one year left on the term of her appointment, so no action is needed at this time to advertise or fill her position; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council hereby extends the terms of Tribal Prosecutors Lance Fills the Pipe and Vernona Kills Right from the date of their original appointments through and until such time as their positions can be advertised by the Tribal Secretary and filled by the Tribal Council, and the Tribal Council ratifies and affirms the appointments of these Tribal Prosecutors effective retroactively and throughout the duration of their extended terms, and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby ratifies and affirms the appointment of Tribal Prosecutor Wamniyomni Bear Runner, effective retroactively from the date of her original hire and throughout the duration of her term of employment, and the Tribal Council hereby extends her term through and until such time as her position can be advertised by the Tribal Secretary and filled by the Tribal Council, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Tribal Secretary to advertise the Tribal Prosecutor positions now held by Tribal Prosecutors Lance Fills the Pipe, Vernona Kills Right, and Wamniyomni Bear Runner for a period of two weeks, with the minimum job qualifications to be as listed in O.S.T. Law and Order Code, Chapter 1, Section 9, *as amended by Ordinance No. 17-14 (Apr. 25, 2017)*, and the Tribal Council further directs the Tribal Secretary to present all applications to the Tribal Council so it can appoint individuals to fill these positions.


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I, as the undersigned Secretary of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, of the Oglala Sioux Tribe hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by a vote of: 18 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstain; and 0 Not Voting; during a SPECIAL SESSION held on the 4<sup>TH</sup> day of MARCH, 2021.

  
STACY L. TWO LANCE  
Secretary  
Oglala Sioux Tribe

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KEVIN KILLER  
President  
Oglala Sioux Tribe

