

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 EXPRESSING A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE FOR THE SUPERVISORY CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST AT THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE PINE RIDGE SERVICE UNIT AND CALLING FOR HER IMMEDIATE REMOVAL AND ESCORT OFF THE OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE RESERVATION WITH THE FUNDING FOR THE POSITION TO REMAIN AT THE SERVICE UNIT AND TO FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO THE GREAT PLAINS AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE LEADERSHIP AND HEADQUARTERS.

WHEREAS, the Oglala Sioux Tribe organized under Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (25 U.S.C. § 5123), by adopting a federally approved Constitution and By-Laws, and under Article III of the Tribal Constitution, the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council is the governing body of the Tribe, and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 1 (w) of the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Constitution authorizes the Tribal Council to protect and promote the health and general welfare of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and its membership, and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service states its mission is to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level, and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service has publicized two of its main strategic goals to include promoting excellence and quality through innovation of the Indian health system into an optimally performing organization and strengthening Indian Health Service program management and operations, and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service has established Katherine Wanna as Supervisory Clinical Laboratory Scientist at the Pine Ridge Service Unit, and

WHEREAS, Oglala Sioux Tribe members have complained about services and actions at the Pine Ridge Service Unit under the leadership of Supervisory Clinical Laboratory Scientist Katherine Wanna and the Indian Health Service has not responded to the complaints, and

WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services ("HHS") Committee of the Oglala Tribal Council has heard and understood the complaints of the Oglala Sioux Tribe members and agree that the leadership of Supervisory Clinical Laboratory Scientist does not meet the standards and goals of the Indian Health Service, and

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WHEREAS, the HHS Committee met on March 2, 2021, by a vote of 7 and 1 not voting, agreed to approve a vote of no confidence on Katherine Wanna and to call for her immediate removal; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council does hereby approve the vote of no confidence of Supervisory Clinical Laboratory Scientist Katherine Wanna and calls for her immediate removal, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Supervisory Clinical Laboratory Scientist Katherine Wanna be escorted off the Oglala Sioux Reservation by the Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety on March 5, 2021, and

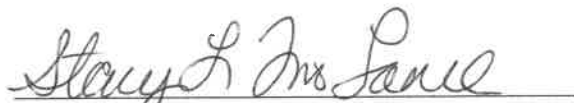
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when the Supervisory Clinical Laboratory Scientist Katherine Wanna leaves her office, that the funding for her position remains at the Indian Health Service Pine Ridge Service Unit, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes and directs the Tribal President or, in his absence, the Tribal Vice-President to forward the results of this vote of no confidence to the Great Plains Indian Health Service Leadership on behalf of the Tribe, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the vote of no confidence also be forwarded to Indian Health Service Headquarters by the Tribal President or, in his absence, the Tribal Vice-President, on behalf of the Tribe.


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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: 17 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstain; and 1 Not Voting; during a SPECIAL SESSION held on the 4TH day of MARCH, 2021.



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Secretary
Oglala Sioux Tribe

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KEVIN KILLER
President
Oglala Sioux Tribe