

RESOLUTION 9623

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERALLY RECOGNIZING THE LITTLE SHELL TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS OF MONTANA

WHEREAS, in 1984 the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana petitioned the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Federal Acknowledgements (OFA) for federal recognition, and has made several supplementary submissions to the OFA since then; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2000, the OFA issued its favorable Proposed Findings to acknowledge the Tribe and requested additional information from the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Little Shell Tribe responded to the OFA's comments and requests and awaits the OFA's review and analysis of the documentation; and

WHEREAS, federal recognition is expected to bring long-awaited benefits and services to the Little Shell people, including health care and child welfare services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA that the City Commission supports the efforts of the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians in obtaining recognition by the United States Department of the Interior so that tribal members may begin to participate in the services available to federally recognized Indian Tribes. The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and the Little Shell Tribal Council.

PASSED by the Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, on this 19th day of December, 2006.

Dona R. Stebbins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Peggy J. Bourne, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

David V. Gliko, City Attorney

State of Montana)
County of Cascade: ss.
City of Great Falls)

I, PEGGY J. BOURNE, City Clerk of the City of Great Falls, Montana, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution 9623 was placed on its final passage and adoption, and was passed and adopted by the City Commission of said City at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 19th day of December, 2006, and approved by the Mayor of said City, on the 19th day of December, 2006.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said City, this 19th day of December, 2006.

Peggy J. Bourne, City Clerk

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