

Native American Fish and Wildlife Society

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Treaty 1854 Treaty Authority RESOLUTION Support for the 2018 BIA Tribal Youth Initiative Funding

Resolution No. 17 - 004

It is hereby resolved at a meeting duly assembled by the Board of Directors of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society representing membership of 7 regions on December 09, 2017 at 10:30 A.M. Multipurpose sayeth:

WHEREAS, the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society (NAFWS) was established in recognition of the importance and respect to fish and wildlife by Native American people; and

WHEREAS, the NAFWS is composed of Indian tribes, organizations and people as well as federal and state agency representatives forming "a national Native American organization to aid in the development and protection of Native American fish and wildlife resources"; and

WHEREAS, the tribes in the Great Lakes region, and all other regions (Alaska, Pacific, Southwest, Great Plains, Great Lakes, Northeast and Southeast) are committed to teaching high school students, who are affiliated with a tribe in the United States, the importance of their lands, fish, wildlife and natural resources, for the purposes of recruiting the next generations of managers and stewards; and

WHEREAS, the NAFWS has held regional and national youth practicums for over 26 years, that has given hundreds of youth participates the opportunity to learn about natural resources; the practicums provide an avenue for the youth to interact with students from other tribes and get hands-on experience working with lakes, streams, and wetlands, fish, wildlife, forests, traditional knowledge and other resources that are important to tribes as well as management issues that tribes are facing; and

WHEREAS, the NAFWS would allow the 1854 Treaty Authority to conduct a summer youth camp within the 1854 Ceded Territory in Northeastern Minnesota, and invite youth from tribes within the Great Lakes region who are interested in pursuing university majors and/or careers in natural resource management, the opportunity to participate in activities, presentations, and workshops concerning fish, game and habitat management programs and systems that effect the upper Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds being requested are under the 2018 Bureau of Indian Affairs Youth Initiative Funding; and

WHEREAS, the grant to support the 2018 Great Lakes Summer Youth Camp, titled "Nanda – Gikendan Noopiming gaye Nibiing" (Anishinaabemowin for "seeking knowledge in the woods

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and place of water"), will be administered by the 1854 Treaty Authority and done in accordance with required grant goals, objectives and timelines; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution in support the application of such grant funding to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for 2018 Tribal Youth Initiative Program funds.

Certification

This resolution was enacted by the affirmative vote of the Board of Directors of the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society meeting held on Saturday, December 09, 2017. The vote was 9 voting in favor, 0 voting against and 0 board members abstaining.

Dated this <u>09</u> Day of December 2017.

Donald Reiter, President

Native American Fish & Wildlife Society

Attest:

Elveda Martinez, Secretary/Treasure Native American Fish & Wildlife Society