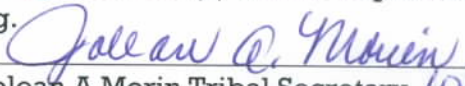


RESOLUTION NUMBER **TMBC459-10-15** OF THE DULY ELECTED AND CERTIFIED GOVERNING BODY OF THE TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

- WHEREAS,** the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, hereinafter referred to as the Tribe, is an unincorporated Band acting under a revised Constitution and By-Laws approved by the Secretary of the Interior on June 16th, 1959 and amendments thereto approved; and
- WHEREAS,** Article IX (a) Section 1 of the Turtle Mountain Constitution and By-Laws empowers the Tribal Council with the authority to represent the Band and to negotiate with Federal, State, and Local Governments and with private persons; and
- WHEREAS,** Leonard Peltier's enrollment for the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa was established by the *1829 Treaty of Prairie du Chien*, the *1863 Treaty Between the Red Lake and Pembina Bands*, *Executive Orders of 1882 and 1884*, and the *189 McCumber Agreement* ratified by the United States Congress twelve years later, April 21, 1904; and
- WHEREAS,** at the present even the federal courts have recognized the repressive nature of the U. S. Government's action against Leonard Peltier; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2003 the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court found that "Much of the government's behavior in its prosecution of Mr. Peltier is to be condemned" as it withheld evidence and revealed the utmost misuse of federal authority; and
- WHEREAS,** Leonard Peltier is becoming ill, in poor health, and is losing his vision; and
- WHEREAS,** consistent with the Tribe's legislative authority, the Tribal Council on behalf of their membership have gone on record to seek spiritual and legal guidance in their effort to bring fairness and clemency for one of their people; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe in a duly convened session hereby affixed their signatures in agreement to continue all supported efforts in the freeing of Leonard in the most expedient and humane manner; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe is reaffirming all previous actions regarding Leonard Peltier; now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that said resolution has been properly reviewed in legal session with authority for said document to be provided for clemency of Leonard Peltier, as a show of support and continued call for the freedom of Leonard Peltier.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Tribal Secretary of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of nine (9) members, of whom **seven (7)** constituting a quorum, were present at a duly called, convened and held on the **14th day of October, 2015** and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of **six (6) in favor**-Representatives Charlie Bercier, Lynn Gourneau, Lorne Jay, Ted Henry, Jim Baker and Carson Belgarde; two (2) absent-Representatives Patrick Marcellais and Elmer Davis, Jr; with the Chairman not voting.


Joleen A Morin Tribal Secretary 10/14/15

SIGNED INTO LAW/Dated this 15th day of October, 2015
 VETOED/Dated this _____ day of _____, 2015


Richard W. McCloud, Chairman