**A RESOLUTION OF THE Native Village of XXXXXX (TRIBE)**

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A resolution reordering the placement preferences of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe is a federally recognized tribe; and

**Whereas,** the Tribal Council is the Tribe’s governing body; and

**Whereas,** the Tribal Council is authorized by the Tribe’s laws to act on behalf of the Tribe and take official action on behalf of the Tribe; and

**Whereas,** the Tribal Council met on **DATE**, there being a quorum present, and

**Whereas,** the Tribe has decided to reorder the placement preferences under the Indian Child Welfare Act;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Pursuant to the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C., Section 1915 (c), The Tribe’s Tribal Council hereby establishes a different order of preference for 25 U.S.C. Section 1915 (b), Foster care or preadoptive placements as reorganized below. For purposes of all ICWA child welfare cases the placement preference order shall read as follows:

 Any child accepted for foster care or preadoptive placement shall be placed in the least restrictive setting which most approximates a family and in which his special needs, if any, may be met. The child shall also be placed within reasonable proximity to his or her home, taking into account any special needs of the child. In any foster care or preadoptive placement, a preference shall be given, in the absence of good cause to the contrary, to a placement with –

1. A foster home licensed, approved, or specified by the Indian child’s tribe;
2. A member of the Indian child’s extended family;
3. An Indian foster home licensed or approved by an authorized non-Indian licensing authority; or
4. An institution for children approved by an Indian tribe or operated by an Indian organization which has a program suitable to meet the Indian child’s needs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** These placement preferences shall apply to all cases affected by the relevant section(s) of the Indian Child Welfare Act 25 U.S.C. Sections 1901 et seq.

**CERTIFICATION**

The above resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Tribal Council, at which a quorum was present, with a vote of \_\_\_ Yes, \_\_\_ No, and \_\_\_ Abstaining, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Signature: Title:

ATTEST: Title: