

RESOLUTION OF THE
NORTHERN ARAPAHO BUSINESS COUNCIL
WIND RIVER RESERVATION
ETHETE, WYOMING

Resolution No. NABC-2014-425

WHEREAS, the Northern Arapaho Business Council (“NABC”) is the duly elected governing body of the Northern Arapaho Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe retains inherent sovereign authority to promote the interests of the Tribe, its members and residents of the Wind River Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe also seeks to promote the interests of Indians throughout the United States, including through a better understanding of Native Americans, their cultures and their values; and

WHEREAS, our tribal sovereignty is closely linked to our Native identity; and

WHEREAS, some Native tribes, nations, communities and educational institutions use self-representational logos, mascots and names as an exercise of their self-determination; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have endured historical wrongs, mistreatment and cultural dispossession that continues to manifest as modern-day discrimination, including in the form of derogatory slurs, logos, mascots and names that contribute to ongoing misunderstanding and mistrust between Native American people and broader society; and

WHEREAS, the continual use of negative stereotypes of Native Americans is particularly damaging to Indian children who seek to maintain a connection to their cultures, to their languages and to their communities; and

WHEREAS, a growing body of Native and non-Native organizations, businesses and community leaders, as well as members of Congress and the President of the United States have voiced concerns regarding the continual use of negative stereotypes of Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, particular concern has been voiced regarding the use of the name “Redskins” to identify the Washington, D.C., professional football team; and

WHEREAS, professional, collegiate and amateur sports teams, athletes, coaches and owners have significant influence in our society, including the power to strengthen our communities; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2010 the United States government provided its support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (“UN Declaration”), which in its article 2 affirms that “[i]ndigenous peoples and individuals are free and equal to all other peoples and individuals and have the right to be free from any kind of discrimination, in the exercise of their rights, in particular that based on their indigenous origin or identity;” and

WHEREAS, the UN Declaration also affirms, in its article 15, that “[i]ndigenous peoples have the right to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information;”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the NABC calls for the elimination of derogatory race-based logos, mascots and names used by sports franchises as well as educational institutions throughout the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NABC calls for sports franchises and educational institutions to cease their use of negative stereotypes that perpetuate damaging images of Native people; and

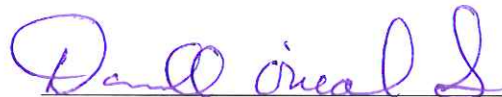
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sports franchises and educational institutions should partner with Native Americans, including members of the Northern Arapaho Tribe, to promote understanding, cooperation and reconciliation between Native nations and broader society; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chairman or Co-Chairman is authorized and directed to sign this resolution.

CERTIFICATION


The undersigned, as Chairman of the Northern Arapaho Business Council, hereby certifies that the Northern Arapaho Business Council consists of six (6) members and that ~~four~~ (4) members were present constituting a quorum, at a specially called meeting of the Northern Arapaho Business Council held on September 8, 2014, that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a vote of four (4) in favor, zero (0) against, and that the foregoing resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Done at Ethete, Wyoming, this 8 day of September, 2014.



Darrell O'Neal, Sr., Chair
Northern Arapaho Business Council

ATTEST:



Susan Johnston, Secretary
Northern Arapaho Business Council