



# SHAWNEE TRIBE

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## RESOLUTION R-10-05-20-B

### RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL SHAWNEE TRIBE LANGUAGE ORTHOGRAPHY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SHAWNEE TRIBE LANGUAGE AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**WHEREAS**, the Shawnee Tribe is a federally recognized Tribe of Indians pursuant to the Shawnee Tribe Status Act of 2000, Public Law 106-568, Title VII, 25 U.S.C. §1041, et seq., which restored all of the Shawnee Tribe's jurisdiction and sovereignty, including civil and governmental jurisdiction over its lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the Shawnee Tribe is on the list of *Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services From the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs* published at 83 Fed. Reg. 4235, 4238 (Jan. 30, 2018); and

**WHEREAS**, the Shawnee Tribe is governed under a Constitution duly ratified by the members of the Shawnee Tribe on September 15, 2001, as amended on September 20, 2003, September 16, 2006, September 17, 2011, and March 17, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the Shawnee Tribe confers governmental powers on the Shawnee Tribe Business Council, which is empowered to prescribe rules and regulations, to enact laws, and to transact all business on behalf of the Shawnee Tribe, in accordance with Articles IV, VI, and VII of the Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of the Shawnee Tribe has issued a Proclamation of the State of Emergency for the Shawnee Language; and

**WHEREAS**, the Shawnee Tribe Business Council approved Resolution R-01-06-20-D, "Resolution Declaring (2020) the Year of the Shawnee Language to Plan, Educate and Develop Goals to Preserve and Implement the Shawnee Language; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of the Shawnee Tribe has declared the Decade of the Shawnee Language shall begin on January 1, 2021 and conclude on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, the Shawnee have fewer than one score of first-language speakers remaining, The Shawnee language, whose history extends into deep time, long before the colonization of the Americas, was once the lingua franca for commerce and diplomacy east of the Mississippi River; and



**WHEREAS**, the Shawnee language is vital to our cultural survival and indispensable for our traditional religious communities. In accord Article 13 of the United Nations' Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People to have the "right to revitalize, use, develop and transmit to future generations their histories, languages, oral traditions, philosophies, writing systems and literatures..."; and

**WHEREAS**, the Shawnee language is vital to our cultural survival and indispensable for our traditional religious communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Shawnee Tribe Language and Education Department has recommended the adoption of the official Shawnee Language Orthography, a language system that descends from our Ojibwe relatives as well as having been adopted and modified by our brothers and sisters from many Algonquian peoples; and

**WHEREAS**, the Official Shawnee Tribe Language Orthography listed as 'Exhibit A' will help our language flourish, and meet the needs of our students, citizens, and communities; and

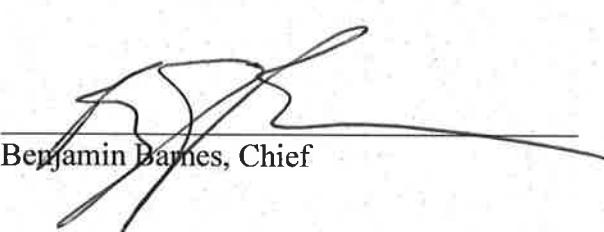
**WHEREAS**, the Shawnee Tribe Language Orthography as described herein will include all known sounds in the Shawnee language to effectively speak, read, and write the Shawnee Tribal Language; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Shawnee Tribe Business Council hereby adopts the Official Shawnee Tribe Language Orthography ("the art or technique of correct spelling according to established usage") as recommended by the Shawnee Tribe Language and Education Department; and

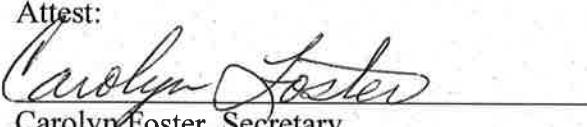
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Shawnee Tribe Business Council hereby directs the Shawnee Tribe Language and Education Department to implement the Official Shawnee Tribe Language Orthography.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing Resolution R-10-05-20-B was duly adopted on October 5, 2020, by a vote of the Shawnee Tribe Business Council, resulting in a vote of 10 for,        against,        abstaining, and        absent.

  
Benjamin Barnes, Chief

Attest:

  
Carolyn Foster, Secretary

