

## **RESOLUTION NO. 359-15**

**WHEREAS**, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is an unincorporated Tribe of Indians, having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, with the exception of Section 16; and the recognized governing body of the Tribe is known as the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council, pursuant to the amended Constitution of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Article IV, Section 1[a], is empowered to negotiate with Federal, State and local governments and others on behalf of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council, pursuant to the amended Constitution of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Article IV, Section 1[c], is empowered to promote and protect the health, education and general welfare of the members of the Tribe, and to administer charity and such other services as may contribute to the social and economic advancement of the Tribe and its members; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last three [3] years, trafficking and use of methamphetamine on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation has skyrocketed; and

**WHEREAS**, within the last year, the trafficking and use of heroin on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation is on the rise; and

**WHEREAS**, the increased drug use has resulted in increased domestic abuse, child abuse, assault, and property crime; and

**WHEREAS**, without focused, purposeful action by the people of Standing Rock, the social costs of drug trafficking and use will spiral out of control;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, any individual 18 years or older convicted in Tribal, State or Federal Court of dealing, distributing, manufacturing, or trafficking methamphetamine or any narcotic drug, including any substance containing opium, heroin, isonipecaine, amidone, isoamidone, ketoemidone, lysergic acid, diethylamide, coca leaves, any opiate or any compound or derivative of a controlled substance will be immediately excluded and banished according to the customary laws of Oceti Sakowin; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council hereby enacts the Customary and Unwritten laws; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Code of Justice will be amended with provisions that impose the penalty of banishment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman and Secretary of the Tribal Council are hereby authorized and instructed to sign this resolution for and on behalf of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.