WHITE EARTH RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

Resolution No. <u>001-24-035</u>

- WHEREAS, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is the duly elected governing body of the White Earth Reservation pursuant to Article VI, Section 1, of the revised constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, as amended, and organized under Section 16, of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), and
- WHEREAS, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is the duly authorized governing body of the White Earth Band, and
- WHEREAS: the White Earth Reservation Business Committee desires to provide a network of quality services to support the social and economic welfare of the Tribal community and its resources, and to effectively address the needs of its constituent members; and
- WHEREAS, on May 20, 2022, Veteran Affairs Secretary Dennis McDonough visited Bemidji, MN to meet with White Earth tribal leaders and other members to identify the need for additional support from the Veteran Affairs for veterans living in tribal areas, particularly for mental health services, and
- WHEREAS, on March 14, 2024, the White Earth Tribal Leaders had a follow up meeting with the Fargo Veteran Affairs office, that proposed services for veterans on the White Earth Reservation, and
- WHEREAS, the White Earth Reservation Business Committee supports the Veterans Affairs Office pilot program proposal to provide services for veterans on the White Earth Reservation, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the White Earth Reservation Business Committee hereby approves the Veteran Affairs pilot project proposal to move forward to provide services for veterans on the White Earth Reservation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the White Earth Reservation Business Committee hereby authorizes the Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer or Executive Director to enter into negotiations and to sign the application and all necessary contracts and documents pending legal review for the above-stated purpose.