

Brothertown Indian Nation Council Resolution No. _____

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE BROTHERTOWN INDIAN NATION TRIBAL ROLL

Presented by Council Member Darren Kroenke

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WHEREAS, the Brothertown Indian Nation was formed as a “body politick” by our ancestors to preserve their customs, their way of life, and the integrity of a Christian Indian community from the influence of outsiders;

WHEREAS, in order to organize individuals from seven different Praying Indian villages into one community, the concept of tribal membership took shape;

WHEREAS, this definition of tribal membership was exclusive in nature so as to preserve the integrity of the Brothertown Indian Nation and the rights and privileges of its members for all future generations;

CONSIDERING, that the criteria for tribal membership have been carefully and judiciously enforced with integrity and fidelity by the leadership of the Brothertown Indian Nation from the time of our Nation’s birth up to the present time;

HAVING SEEN, the integrity of the Brothertown Indian Nation tribal rolls and the rights and privileges of legitimately enrolled tribal members threatened of recent by a surge of interest on the part of outsiders in claiming rights of membership in the Nation;

RECOGNIZING, that these unknown individuals pose a threat to the political viability and sovereignty of the Brothertown Indian Nation by their lack of historical involvement with the community, their lack of ethnic Brothertown Indian identity, and their lack of political affiliation as unknown outsiders;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the Brothertown Indian Nation Council will now close the rolls of the Nation to new individuals applying for enrollment with the Nation. This resolution will be published in the Brothertown Indian Nation quarterly newsletter as a “public posting”. From the date of publication of this “public posting” there will be a 90-day continuation of the open enrollment period, which will allow all affected individuals to submit their enrollment applications if they have not done so to date. All applications for tribal enrollment currently in process at the time of this action and those postmarked within the 90-day period will be processed. Any and all applications postmarked after the end of the 90-day period will not be considered.

Number of Council Members in Favor _____, Number of Council Members Against _____, Number of Council Members Abstaining _____

Richard Schadewald, BIN Chairperson

Caroline Andler, BIN Secretary