

Brothertown Indian Nation Council Resolution No. _____

RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE BROTHERTOWN INDIAN NATION CRADLE 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 in claiming rights of membership in the Nation on the part of outsiders;

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 create a cradle roll. This cradle roll will take affect after the 90-day open enrollment period comes to a close. New enrollment will then be limited to the lineal descendants of individuals who are members of the known Brothertown Indian Nation at that time. Applications for the new enrollees that will become part of the cradle roll must be submitted within five (5) years of the date of birth of the child. These applications must be submitted in person at a duly convened tribal council meeting or Brothertown Indian community gathering where the child will be introduced to the community by their enrolled parent(s) and therefore be known to the Nation as a Brothertown Indian by blood.

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

Richard Schadewald, BIN Chairperson

Caroline Andler, BIN Secretary