

**RESOLUTION
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES
OF THE FLATHEAD NATION**

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING CLIMATE CHANGE AS A RISK TO THE HEALTH, SECURITY, AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE TRIBES AND DIRECTING NECESSARY RESOURCES FOR CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNING, MITIGATION, AND ADAPTATION, AND TO INTEGRATE RESOURCE SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION MEASURES THROUGHOUT TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES THAT:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(a), the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes is empowered “[t]o regulate the uses and disposition of tribal property, to protect and preserve the tribal property, wildlife and natural resources of the Confederated Tribes, to cultivate Indian arts, crafts, and culture, to administer charity; to protect the health, security, and general welfare of the Confederated Tribes”; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted the Vision that “the traditional values that served our people in the past are imbedded in the many ways we serve and invest in our people and communities, in the way we have regained and restored our homelands and natural resources, in the ways we have built a self-sufficient society and economy, in the ways we govern our Reservation and represent ourselves to the rest of the world and in the ways we continue to preserve our right to determine our own destiny”; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes’ Mission “is to adopt traditional principles and values into all facets of Tribal operations and services. We will invest in our people in a manner that ensures our ability to become a completely self-sufficient society and economy. And we will provide sound environmental stewardship to preserve, perpetuate, protect and enhance natural resources and ecosystems”; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that impacts from climate change are occurring on the Flathead Reservation; that climate change presents immediate and long-term risks to the health, security and general welfare of the Tribes and its members and to our lands and non-human relatives; and that the effects of climate change have the potential to negatively impact our people, our lands, our relatives, the environment, and the economic, cultural, and social welfare of the Tribal community and resources; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes, on July 26, 2016, officially adopted the strategic priorities of Cultural Perpetuation, Economic Development, and Health and Wellness to drive future decision-making, and this resolution aligns with those previously established priorities; and

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that, consistent with the Tribes' Mission and Vision, it is in the best interests of the Tribes to combat climate change and ensure that climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resource sustainability measures are integrated into all Tribal government operations and into the daily lives of Reservation residents, and in a manner that recognizes that all things are connected and is guided by our tribal lifeways and traditional principles, values, and knowledge;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined that it is necessary to authorize and direct the Executive Officer to direct staff and resources to develop climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resource sustainability measures for use throughout Tribal government operations, build capacity, and communicate with Tribal government departments and the local community about issues and concerns regarding the local impacts of climate change, and measures individuals and groups can take to mitigate, adapt, and integrate regenerative processes into the daily lives of all Reservation residents; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes hereby authorizes and directs the Executive Officer to direct staff and resources, build capacity, and take such other actions permitted by the laws and policies of the Tribes, to accomplish these objectives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Officer or his designee shall report to the Council on the progress of the directives established by this resolution on a regular basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council may designate a Councilmember or Councilmembers to act as the Council's liaison for any such meetings and other engagements that may require representation of the Tribal Council to give effect to this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes on November 3, 2022, with a vote of 9 for, 0 opposed, and 0 not voting, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article VI, Section 1 (a), (h), and (u) of the Tribes' Constitution and Bylaws; said Constitution adopted and approved under Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended.



Chairman, Tribal Council

ATTEST: 

Tribal Secretary