

# Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

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*10/16/09 Motion # 8*

## TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. SWO-09-130

### Repeal SWO Chapter 74 – District Audit Ordinance

- WHEREAS,** The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate is organized under a Constitution and By-laws adopted by the members of the Tribe on August 1-2, 1966, and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on August 25, 1966, and last amended effective November 15, 2006; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Constitution ARTICLE III, Section 1, states that, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate shall be governed by a Council, and ARTICLE VII, Section 1, states that, the Council shall have the following powers: (a) to represent the Tribe in all negotiations with Federal, State and local governments; (c) to engage in any business that will further the economic development of the Tribe and its Members, and to use Tribal funds or other resources for such purposes; (d) to make rules governing the relationship of the members of the Tribe, to Tribal property, and to one another as members of the Tribe; (f) to deposit Tribal funds to the credit of the Tribe, without limitations of the amount in any account; (g) to take any action by ordinance, resolution, or otherwise which are reasonably necessary through committees, boards, agents or otherwise, to carry into effect the for-going purposes; (h) to promote public health, education, charity, and such other services as may contribute to the social advancement of the members of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate; (i) adopt resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal Council, its officials and committees in the conduct of Tribal Affairs; and,
- WHEREAS,** Historically, the seven (7) districts of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate have not developed, approved, or implemented accounting standards that would make the district financial transactions auditable according to the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP); and,
- WHEREAS,** The overall audit for the central government of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate is hindered by the lack of acceptable audits from the seven (7) districts; and,
- WHEREAS,** The impact of negative and inconclusive audit findings in the district finances, affects the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate as a whole, wherein the Tribe becomes ineligible for Federal funding, such as grants; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Council of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate has deemed it in the best interest of the Tribe as a whole, to repeal Chapter 74, District Audit Ordinance; and,

**WHEREAS,** On October 6, 2009, Tribal Council passed Motion No. 8, in resolution form, to repeal Chapter 74, District Audit Ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Council of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, hereby repeal Chapter 74, District Audit Ordinance.

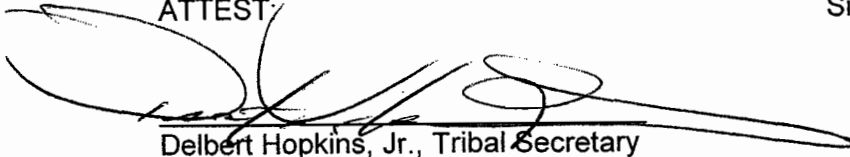
## CERTIFICATION

*We, the Undersigned duly elected Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Council, which is composed of 10 members (representing a total of 15 Tribal Council weighted votes and two Executive Committee votes for a total of 17 votes) of whom 10 constituting a quorum, were present at a Tribal Council meeting, duly noticed, called, convened and held at the TiWakan Tio Tipi, Agency Village, South Dakota, October 6, 2009, by a vote of 17 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent from vote, 1 not voting, and that said Resolution has not be rescinded or amended in any way.*

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2009.

  
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Michael I. Selvage, Sr., Tribal Chairman  
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

ATTEST

  
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Delbert Hopkins, Jr., Tribal Secretary  
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

Original copy to: SWO Judicial Committee

cc: SWO Legal Counsel

