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TRIBAL MEMORANDUM

DATE : 01/04/12
TO : SUPERINTENDENT, Cheyenne River Agency
FROM : Ev Ann White Feather, Tribal Secretary
SUBJECT : Resolution No. 4-2012-CR: The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe request the South Dakota Congressional Delegation Senator Tim Johnson, Senator John Thune and Representative Kristi Noem assist the Tribe by joining the Tribe in opposing the closure of VA facilities that provide care for Veterans: and be it further resolved, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe respectfully request the Department of Veterans Affairs to keep the doors open at the VA-Hot Springs and provide the necessary quality healthcare and services to our Veterans and contains the provision.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ev Ann White Feather", is written over the "FROM" line of the memorandum.

Transmitted herewith are an original and two (2) copies of Resolution No. 4-2012-CR which was duly adopted by the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Council during its Regular Session held on January 4, 2012.

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- Cc: Chairman
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Senator John Thune
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The blue represents the thunder clouds above the world where live the thunder birds who control the four winds. The rainbow is for the Cheyenne River Sioux people who are keepers of the Most Sacred Calf Pipe, a gift from the White Buffalo Calf Maiden. The eagle feathers at the edges of the rim of the world represent the spotted eagle who is the protector of all Lakota. The two pipes fused together are for unity. One pipe is for the Lakota, the other for all the other Indian Nations. The yellow hoops represent the Sacred Hoop., which shall not be broken. The Sacred Calf Pipe Bundle in red represents Wakan Tanka – The Great Mystery. All the colors of the Lakota are visible. The red, yellow, black and white represent the four major races. The blue is for heaven and the green for Mother Earth.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2012-CR

WHEREAS, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of South Dakota is an unincorporated Tribe of Indians, having accepted the provision of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984);

WHEREAS, the Tribe, in order to establish its tribal organization; to conserve its tribal property; to develop its common resources; and to promote the general welfare of its people, has ordained and established a Constitution and By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, the Cheyenne Sioux Tribal Council on behalf of all Veterans in South Dakota and Nebraska oppose any closure of VA facilities that provide care for Veterans; now

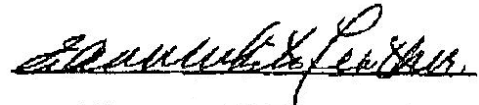
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe request the South Dakota Congressional Delegation¹, Senator Tim Johnson, Senator John Thune and Representative Kristi Noem assist the Tribe by joining the Tribe in opposing the closure of VA facilities that provide care for the Veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe respectfully request The Department of Veterans Affairs to keep the doors open at the VA-Hot Springs and provide the necessary quality healthcare and services to our Veterans;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that nothing in this resolution diminishes, divests, alters, or otherwise affects any inherent treaty, statutory or other rights of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe over the property or activities described herein. The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe expressly retains all rights and authority over the property and activities described herein, including but not limited to legislative, regulatory, adjudicatory, and taxing powers.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, certify that the Tribal Council is comprised of fifteen (15) members, of whom 13, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 4th day of January 2012, Regular Session; and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a roll call vote of 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining, and 2 absent.



Ev Ann White Feather, Secretary
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

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