



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Kalispel Business Committee is the duly Constituted governing body of the Kalispel Tribe by the authority of the Constitution and By-Laws for the Kalispel Tribe; and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe, the Kalispel Business Committee is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security and general welfare of the Kalispel Tribe and all Reservation residents; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's most precious resource is their children; and

WHEREAS, recent state and federal court cases have failed to provide Indian children with the option of placement with their parents; and

WHEREAS, the current Code is silent on the Tribe's placement preference for Kalispel children involved in state court adoption or foster care proceedings.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kalispel Tribe of Indians through its Business Committee amends Chapter 7 to include a new section establishing a placement preference for any Kalispel child involved in an adoption or foster care proceeding in state court, and that this placement preference shall supersede all other placement preferences in federal or state laws. The following section shall be included in Chapter 7 Kalispel Youth Code:

**PART 6
STATE COURT PROCEEDINGS**

**SECTION 7-32: PLACEMENT PREFERENCE IN STATE COURT
PROCEEDINGS**

7-32.01: PLACEMENT PREFERENCE IN STATE COURT PROCEEDINGS

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In any state court proceeding involving the adoptive or foster care placement of Kalispel children, placement preference shall be given in the following order, absent good cause to the contrary:

- (1) the child's biological parent or parents;
- (2) a member of the child's extended family;
- (3) a member of or descendant of the Kalispel Tribe of Indians; or
- (4) a member of another Indian tribe.

If this order of placement preference cannot be met, for good cause shown, then placement may be made with any person who has knowledge of and a desire to foster the youth's tribal affiliation and special needs.

CERTIFICATION

The Kalispel Business Committee adopted the foregoing RESOLUTION at a meeting held on the 4 day of February, 2014, at the Tribal office on the Kalispel Indian Reservation near Usk, Washington, with the required quorum present by a vote of 3 FOR and 0 AGAINST.

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GLEN NENEMA, CHAIRMAN
KALISPEL BUSINESS COMMITTEE
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DARREN HOLMES, SECRETARY
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