

IOWA TRIBE OF KANSAS AND NEBRASKA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 10, 2021

WHEREAS, The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Executive Committee being duly organized met in Special Session this 10th day of February 2021; and,

WHEREAS, The Iowa Tribe Executive Committee has authority to act for the Iowa Tribe under the present Constitutional authority, as provided in Sec. 2, Article IV - Governing Bodies; and,

WHEREAS, The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska being organized and empowered by their Constitution and Bylaws (approved November 6, 1978, and amended August 27, 1980); and,

WHEREAS, the Iowa Tribe Executive Committee established Iowa Tribal National Park, on June 17, 2020, by means of passing Resolution 20-R-21, to include the Leary Site NHL and the Rulo Bluffs Preserve, as well as contiguous portions of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail; and,

WHEREAS, the Iowa Tribe also owns the contiguous parcel, known by various local and historic names such as Pauline's Pond, Dupuis Hollow, and the Betsy Story Allotment, as well as others; and,

WHEREAS, that contiguous tribally owned parcel also includes resources of significant biological, cultural, and historic value, including National Register site RH00-062, the Iron Boundary Marker, established in 1855, by authority of the 1854 Kansas-Nebraska Act, as the point of beginning of all surveys in the states of Kansas and Nebraska, and several states beyond; and,

WHEREAS, the Glacial Hills Scenic Byway, designated by the state of Kansas as a scenic natural and historic wonder, also borders the segment of the parcel south of the Iron Monument and thus contributes to its significance; and,

WHEREAS, this tract of tribal land described herein not only has these important natural, cultural, and historic dimensions, but also can serve as a hub for visitors and trails to experience and enjoy Iowa Tribal National Park; and,

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee must provide for the economic well-being and protect the assets of the tribe, and has an established economic strategy of regenerative agriculture and the health of the community, including appropriate development of education and tourism, which this tract of land is critical as a locational hub for said education and tourism activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has the responsibility to preserve and perpetuate our heritage, lands and culture for the enjoyment, education, and spiritual connection of present and future generations of tribal members; and,

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska carry out their mission to protect the assets, resources and lands of the tribe, so that the culture, land, wildlife, and priceless resources of the reservation will endure for perpetuity; and,

WHEREAS, these goals and responsibilities for economic development and well-being of the tribe will be advanced by the establishment of the Iowa Tribal National Park, through visitation and education of both residents and visitors, and the careful stewardship of these lands for future generations of tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the addition of the above described tract of land, known as the Pauline Fee tract or property, which includes Pauline's Pond, Dupuis Hollow, the Iron Boundary Monument, and the bluff lands and contiguous to the Glacial Hills Scenic Byway and the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, is integral to the mission, goals and responsibilities of Ioway Tribal National Park:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ioway Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, as an expression of these duties and goals, and as an expression of tribal sovereignty-

(1) Hereby reaffirms the establishment of Ioway Tribal National Park, composed initially of two units, the Leary Site NHL and the Rulo Bluffs Preserve, as provided in Resolution 20-R-21, and

(2) As provided in Resolution 20-R-21 (2), which states "that such lands and sites, which may be determined to also have treasured cultural and natural resources the tribe wishes to protect and preserve for future generations, may be added as units and sites of the Ioway Tribal National Park as determined, to benefit the heritage and members of the tribe," that the tract described herein as the Pauline Fee tract, aka Dupuis Hollow and contiguous tribal property as described above, is hereby added as a third unit to the Ioway Tribal National Park, as established in 2020. WHEREAS,

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted this date, February 10th, 2021 in a Special Session of the Executive Committee at which ___ members of the Committee were present, constituting a quorum, by a vote of ___ for, ___ against. Chairman abstained.

Timothy N. Rhodd, Chairman
Ioway Tribe Executive Committee

ATTEST:

Anthony G. Fee, Secretary
Ioway Tribe Executive Committee