ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE
Resolution No. 2020-281

WHEREAS, The Rosebud Sioux Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 and pertinent amendments thereof; and

WHEREAS, The Rosebud Sioux Tribe is governed by a Tribal Council made up of elected representatives who act in accordance with the powers granted to it by its Constitution and By-laws; and

WHEREAS, The Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council is authorized to promulgate and enforce ordinances for the maintenance of law and order, and to safeguard the peace and morals, and general welfare of the Tribe, pursuant to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Constitution and By-Laws Article IV Sections 1 (1), (m), (p) and (q), and

WHEREAS, Article I, Clause 1 of the RST By-laws provide, in part, that "the President shall manage and administer the affairs of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, including the supervision of tribal employees, subject to the resolutions, ordinances and instructions of the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council"; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States, Donald Trump on March 13, 2020 declared a national health emergency relating to the novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, The Rosebud Sioux Tribe recognizes that it has supported and continues to support the United Nations Declaration of Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and we stand allied with our relatives whose human rights who are oppressed under the color of law: and

WHEREAS, The Rapid City Journal published an article on September 16, 2020 noting that nine women share a small area with three triple-layer bunk beds in close proximity where no social distancing is taking place; and

WHEREAS, The Rosebud Sioux Tribe has learned that the women in the Women's Prison Complex in Pierre, which includes Annex E and the Community Work Center in Pierre, SD are enduring an outbreak of the COVID-19 virus whereby the number of active cases jumped from 15 to 102 between September 15 and 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of September 24, that number has risen to 120 positive cases with only 16 people recovered; and

WHEREAS, all people should be treated with dignity regardless of their circumstance and what is happening with the continued exposure to COVID-19 a Human Rights violation and a violation of the Civil Rights those incarcerated at the Women's Prison Complex in Pierre, SD; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kristi Noem is responsible for the safety of the people of South Dakota, Chief Justice David Gilbertson is in charge of the Courts that send those found guilty to these facilities, and Secretary Mike Leidholt of the South Dakota Department of Corrections is in charge of these facilities; and
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council does call upon Governor of South Dakota, Kristi Noem, the Chief Justice of the South Dakota Supreme Court, David Gilbertson, and Secretary Mike Leidholt of the South Dakota Department of Corrections to investigate and remedy these human rights violations; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President direct that this Resolution be sent to those people named in this Resolution as soon as possible.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above Resolution No. 2020-81 was duly passed by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in session on November 5, 2020 by a vote of fourteen (14) in favor, zero (0) opposed and zero (0) not voting. The said resolution was adopted pursuant to authority vested in the Council. A quorum was present.

ATTEST:

Wayne Bold, Secretary
Rosebud Sioux Tribe

Rodney M. Bordeaux, President
Rosebud Sioux Tribe