

**SPIRIT LAKE TRIBE  
RESOLUTION NO. A05-19-203**

**WHEREAS**, the Spirit Lake Tribe, formerly known as the Devils Lake Sioux Tribe is a Federally recognized Indian Tribe governed by a revised constitution dated May 5, 1960, approved by the Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, July 14, 1961, and as subsequently amended July 17, 1969; May 3, 1974; April 16, 1976; May 4, 1981; and August 19, 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the Spirit Lake Tribe authorizes and empowers the Spirit Lake Tribal Council, the governing body of the Tribe, to engage in activities on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribe and of the enrolled members thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Spirit Lake Tribal Council (hereinafter the Tribal Council) is the governing body of the Tribe and is empowered to administer the economic resources and financial affairs of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been the determination of the Spirit Lake People that the name of present day Sully's Hill Preservation be changed to honor the magnificent and sacred Sunka Wakan Ska "White Horse"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council is aware and fully supports a proposed name change from the present name of Sully's Hill to "White Horse Hill" (In Dakota - Sunka Wakan Ska PaHa); and

**WHEREAS**, the Spirit Lake Dakota people by their own accounts believe the name chosen "White Horse Hill" comes from historical happenings that are sacred as well as unique to the Dakota people; and

**WHEREAS**, White Horse Hill (Sunka Wakan Ska Pa Ha) reflects a positive experience to the Dakota People rather than an individual who was destructive to the Dakota people and their culture; and

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED**, the Spirit Lake Tribal Council by executing this resolution hereby supports the name of Sully's Hill Wildlife Preservation be changed to White Horse Hill (In Dakota - Sunka Wakan Ska Pa Ha) to honor the sacredness of our culture very rich in historical events shaping the Dakota People of Spirit Lake Tribe.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned as Secretary-Treasurer of the Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of six (6) members of whom six (6) were present, constituting a quorum for a Special Meeting duly called and convened on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019 and approved this resolution by an affirmative vote of four (4) in favor, none (0) opposed, none (0) abstaining and none (0) absent. The Secretary-Treasurer does not vote and the Chairman votes only in case of a tie.



**Lonna J. Street  
Secretary-Treasurer**





**Myra Pearson  
Tribal Chair**