

## RESOLUTION 9871

### A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE LITTLE SHELL TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS IN MONTANA

**WHEREAS**, the Great Falls City Commission passed Resolution 9623 on December 19, 2006, supporting federal recognition of the The Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

**WHEREAS**, at that time, it was anticipated that recognition could be accomplished through the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Federal Acknowledgements [OFA], based on proposed findings issued by that agency in July 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, federal recognition would bring long-awaited benefits and service to the Little Shell Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the recent decision by OFA not to grant recognition runs contrary to the history and traditions of the Little Shell Tribe and its members; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission remains committed to the spirit and intent of Resolution 9623, to the extent that The Little Shell Tribe deserves federal recognition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA**, that the City Commission continues to support the efforts of The Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians in obtaining recognition, and that the City Commission endorses and supports efforts by the Montana congressional delegation to obtain federal recognition for the Little Shell Tribe through a legislative enactment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to the members of the Montana Congressional Delegation, specifically, the Hon. Max Baucus, the Hon. Jon Tester, and the Hon. Dennis Rehberg; the Office of the Governor of the State of Montana; Board of County Commissioners for Cascade County; and the Little Shell Tribal Council.

**PASSED** by the City Commission of Great Falls, Montana, on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2009.

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R. Stebbins, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

{SEAL OF THE CITY}

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

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Chad Parker, Acting City Attorney