

**ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-219**

***Resolution to Support the Legislation to Create the Truth and Healing Commission on
Federal Indian Boarding School Policies Act in the United States***

- WHEREAS,** the Rosebud Sioux Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 and all 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 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 I, Sections 1 (k), and (m); and
- WHEREAS,** attempts to destroy Native cultures, religions, and languages through assimilationist practices and policies can be traced to the early 17th century and the founding charters of some of the oldest educational institutions in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the Federal Indian Boarding School Policy was expressly intended to accomplish genocide—the systematic destruction of Indigenous identities and beliefs, and taking of Native lands; and
- WHEREAS,** between 1819 and the 1960s hundreds of thousands of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children were removed from their homes and families and placed in Indian boarding schools operated by the federal government and churches; and
- WHEREAS,** many of the children who were taken to Indian boarding schools and did not survive were interred in cemeteries and unmarked graves; and the children who perished in neighboring hospitals and other institutions were buried in on-campus and off-campus cemeteries and unmarked graves; and
- WHEREAS,** it has been identified that 523+ Indian boarding schools existed across 38 states but this does not include day schools, asylums, orphanages, and hospitals that were used to take Native children from their family and Tribes during this same time period; and
- WHEREAS,** the facts and history about the pervasive harm caused continues in the historical and intergenerational trauma attributable to the Boarding School Policy and is poorly understood by the American public, the Congress and the Executive Branch of the federal government; and
- WHEREAS,** American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities continue to experience intergenerational trauma and cultural and familial disruption from experiences rooted in Indian Boarding Schools Policies, which divided family

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structures, damaged cultures and individual identities, and inflicted chronic physical and psychological ramifications on American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, the survivors of Indian boarding schools are victims of crimes that the United States has never acknowledged or accounted for; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has a responsibility to fully investigate its role in, and the lasting effects of, Indian Boarding School Policies; and

WHEREAS, the descendants of these children, spanning across multiple generations, bear the legacy of Indian boarding schools and the enduring federal policy that established and perpetuated them, wherein the trauma they endured remains unacknowledged and unresolved to this day; and

WHEREAS, to support the establishment of a Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the United States, including other necessary advisory committees and subcommittees to:

- formally investigate, document, and report on the histories of Indian boarding schools, Indian Boarding School Policies, and the systematic and long-term effects on Native American peoples;
- to develop recommendations for federal action based on the findings of the Commission;
- to promote healing for survivors of Indian boarding schools, the descendants of those survivors, and the communities of those survivors; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rosebud Sioux Tribe does hereby support the “Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding Schools Policies in the United States Act” (S.1723 and H.R. 7227); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe urges the House and Senate to pass S. 1723 and H.R. 7227; and

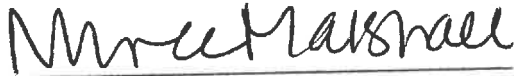
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe calls on President Joe Biden and Interior Secretary Debra Haaland to garner the full authority of the Biden Administration to support these bills.

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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above Resolution No. 2024-219 was duly passed by the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council in session on August 21, 2024 by a vote of twelve (12) 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:



Nicole Marshall, Secretary
Rosebud Sioux Tribe



Scott Herman, President
Rosebud Sioux Tribe