

Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council
Resolution No. 2025-01

Title: A Resolution To Support A Search And Recovery Effort For The Remains Of Perry Ray Robinson Jr.

WHEREAS, the Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council derives its authority from the inherent sovereignty of the Lakota Nation and the Traditional Lakota Governance system, which is rooted in the Tiwahe (family), Tiospaye (extended family), Ospaye (band), and Oyate (nation), structures that have guided the Lakota people for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, the Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council operates as part of the Oceti Sakowin Oyate, upholding the laws, customs, and governance traditions that predate and persist beyond colonial impositions; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Laramie Treaties of 1851 and 1868, along with the Lakota Ancestral Territories, affirm the recognition of Lakota sovereignty and land rights, underscoring the Treaty Council's continued role in defending and exercising these rights on behalf of the Sicangu Lakota Nation; and

WHEREAS, Perry Ray Robinson Jr., an African American civil rights activist who worked alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was tragically murdered and buried during the 1973 Wounded Knee occupation in South Dakota, a pivotal moment in the history of Native American activism and the struggle for justice and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Perry Ray Robinson Jr. was a man of great courage and commitment, who dedicated his life to advocating for the rights of oppressed peoples, championing justice and equality, and standing in solidarity with Native American communities during the Wounded Knee occupation led by the American Indian Movement (AIM); and

WHEREAS, the search for Perry Ray Robinson Jr.'s remains is a matter of both historical and personal significance, not only to his family but also to the relatives of those who remain in the mass grave at Wounded Knee—where such a grave injustice should have never been perpetrated—as well as to the broader struggle for civil rights, truth, and accountability; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Lakota Oyate to honor the sacrifices made by those who fought for justice, equality, and the sovereignty of Indigenous nations, and to support efforts that bring clarity, healing, and justice to the families affected by these historical injustices; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take immediate and proactive steps to search for and recover the remains of Perry Ray Robinson Jr., ensuring that his family can lay him to rest with dignity and that the truth surrounding his disappearance is fully uncovered; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Buswell Robinson and the family of Perry Ray Robinson Jr. have formally requested that the Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council take official action to support the search and recovery effort by providing resources, leadership, and advocacy to assist in this vital cause; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council formally recognizes the urgency and necessity of initiating a dedicated and comprehensive search and recovery effort for the remains of Perry Ray Robinson Jr., to be conducted by professional forensic teams, with the full cooperation of the Lakota Nation and other relevant stakeholders, including Indigenous groups, civil rights organizations, and forensic experts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council supports the efforts of Cheryl Buswell Robinson and the Robinson family in their pursuit of truth, justice, and the respectful recovery of Perry Ray Robinson Jr.'s remains; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be distributed to all relevant tribal entities, treaty councils, organizations, and individuals engaged in the search and recovery effort, and that the Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council shall maintain active involvement in supporting and monitoring this effort until its successful conclusion; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council stands in full solidarity with the Robinson family, offering its prayers, unwavering support, and commitment to justice, while honoring the legacy of Perry Ray Robinson Jr. as a warrior for human rights and the ongoing fight for Indigenous sovereignty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council requests the assistance of the Oglala Lakota Oyate (Oglala Sioux Tribe – OST) to grant permission for accessing the area of land and the search of Mr. Robinson's Remains through whatever means available to the Robinson Family and OST officials, representatives, staff, channels, entities and authorities to assist the Robinson Family to secure Mr. Robinson's Remains.

ADOPTED this 5th day of May, 2025, by the Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council.



Chairperson
Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council

**Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council
Regular Treaty Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2025 @ 5:30pm
Webster Two Hawk Conference Room**

Present: Fremont Fallis, Delano Clairmont, Rose Stenstrom, Dwight Spotted Tail, Claude Two Elk, Michelle Dog Eyes, Philimon Two Eagle

Guest: Justin Baker

Call to order by Chairman, Claude Two Elk at 6:18pm

Wocekiye: Phil Two Eagle

Seat Dwight Spotted Tail for Treaty Council, member. Mr. Spotted Tail was seated by Tribal Council on March 3, 2025. **Note: We did not seat Pam Kills In Water who was also seated by Tribal Council on March 3, 2025. Due to her being absent during today's meeting.**

Motion: Fremont Fallis **Second:** Rose Stenstrom **Vote:** 4-0-1 **Motion Passed**

Approval of Previous Minutes- February 4, 2025

Motion: Fremont Fallis **Second:** Rose Stenstrom **Vote:** 4-0-1 **Motion Carried**

Discussed Budget Report

Perry Ray Robinson Resolution by Justin Baker- Resolution within' Treaty Council only. No. 2025-01. Treaty Council will support all the way through. Justin Baker joined this meeting to ask for support and any kind of help if needed.

Motion: Rose Stenstrom **Second:** Fremont Fallis **Vote:** 4-0-1 **Motion Carried**

Projects:

a. Oceti Sakowin Oyate- Life Plan – Resolution Signed. Supporting-

Motion: Fremont Fallis **Second:** Rose Stenstrom **Vote:** 4-0-1 **Motion Carried**

b. Support Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples Issues two calls for input

Motion: Fremont Fallis **Second:** Rose Stenstrom **Vote:** 4-0-1 **Motion Carried**

c. EIS Project- Exploratory Phase – Great Sioux Reservation. Discussed the project.

d. Sicangu Climate Center

i. BIA First Semi-Annual Report Due: April 15, 2025

e. He Sapa Visitor Center Project

i. Thematic Outline- Developing the stories

ii. Redesign Process

f. Discussed Black Hills National Forest- MOU

- g. Oceti Sakowin Collaboration BIA Grant- Resolution Approved waiting on Budget Approval- Amount being \$205k
- h. Phil Two Eagle went on Travel on March 8, 2025, to Fort Yates, ND. He did give a report to TC members.
- i. Phil Two Eagle invited to Dakota Language Gathering on May 21-22, 2025, at White Cap Dakota First Nation, Canada. Note: this is being paid by them, so we won't be using budget moneys for travel.

Motion: Fremont Fallis **Second:** Rose Stenstrom **Vote:** 4-0-1 **Motion Carried**

Per-Diem Approval:

Motion: Rose Stenstrom **Second:** Delano Clairmont **Vote:** 4-0-1 **Motion Passed**

Adjourn at 7:04pm

Motion: Rose Stenstrom **Second:** Delano Clairmont **Vote:** 4-0-1 **Motion Passed**

Claude Two Elk, Chairman

C. McJannet Bader

date:

4-1-25