

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee has been empowered to act for and in behalf of the Nez Perce Tribe, pursuant to the Revised Constitution and By-Laws, adopted by the General Council of the Nez Perce Tribe, on May 6, 1961 and approved by the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs on June 27, 1961; and

WHEREAS, the Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe) maintains a Cultural Resources Program (CRP) that addresses cultural resource concerns of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's CRP received a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse (UUCP); and

WHEREAS, the UUCP wants to begin each Sunday service with the statement, "The Land on which our Church is built is part of the ancestral homeland of the Niimiipuu "the People," and called the Nez Perce "pierced noses" by French-speaking trappers and traders. We acknowledge the Land is held in sacred kinship, since time immemorial."; and

WHEREAS, the UUCP seeks to re-define the relationship between a Church community and the ancestral Peoples of this Land; and

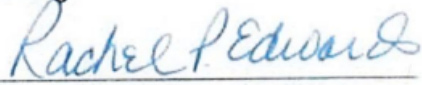
WHEREAS, the UUCP and the Tribe, are signatories to the MOU.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) does hereby approve MOU with UUCP; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the NPTEC Chairman and Secretary are hereby authorized to sign all necessary correspondence and the NPTEC Treasurer is hereby authorized to disburse funds accordingly.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee meeting in Special Session, June 24, 2025, at Am'sáaxpa, Joseph, Oregon, a quorum of its Members being present and voting.

BY: 
Rachel P. Edwards, Secretary

ATTEST:


Shannon F. Wheeler, Chairman