



# BLACKFEET NATION

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## RESOLUTION

No. 94-2015

- WHEREAS,** The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council is the duly constituted governing body within the exterior boundaries of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council has been organized to represent, develop, protect, and advance the views, interests, education, and resources of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article VI, Section 1(k) of the Blackfeet Constitution, the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council has the enumerated power to, among other things, "establish minor courts for the adjudication of claims or disputes arising amongst members of the Tribe," and that such establishment of minor courts has been effectuated and implemented primarily through the adoption of the Blackfeet Tribal Law and Order Code of 1967, as amended; and
- WHEREAS,** Chapter 7 of the Blackfeet Tribal Law and order Code of 1967, as amended contains a provision in Section 19 F on "Truancy" which makes compulsory school attendance up to the age of 16 mandatory; and Chapter 13, Section 1 of that same Chapter defines the penalty for Failure to Send a child to school under the age of sixteen (16); and
- WHEREAS,** The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council desires to increase the compulsory age at which children must attend school from the age of sixteen (16) up to the age of eighteen (18) years; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. That the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council hereby amends The Blackfeet Family Court Code, Chapter 7, Blackfeet Law and Order Code of 1967, as amended at Chapter 4, Section 19 F, to read as follows:

*"F. Truancy. Any child up to the age of eighteen (18) years or younger who is found to be not attending school, where required, commits a Status Offense."*

2. That the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council hereby amends The Blackfeet Family Court Code, Chapter 7, Blackfeet Law and Order Code of 1967, as amended at Chapter 13, Section 1, to read as follows:

“**FAILURE TO SEND** It shall be unlawful for any person or persons on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation without good cause, to neglect or refuse to send any child in his or her care, up to the age of eighteen (18) years or younger, to school.”


3. That it is hereby declared by the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council that the compulsory school age for all children on the Blackfeet Reservation is up to the age of eighteen (18) years of age and that all the laws of the Blackfeet Tribe shall reflect this age limit, with the exceptions being an Order of the Court or a plan for post secondary education after the age of sixteen (16) which results in a General Equivalency Degree (GED) or training or education up to the age of eighteen years of age.

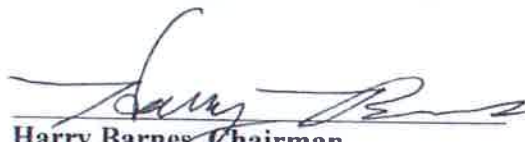
4. That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Blackfeet Legal Department for inclusion in the Blackfeet Tribal Law and order Code of 1967, as amended, to the Superintendents of Schools in Browning, Heart Butte, Babb and East Glacier as well as to The Blackfeet Law Enforcement Services.

5. That the Chairman and Secretary of are hereby authorized to sign this Resolution on behalf of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council.

ATTEST:

THE BLACKFEET TRIBE OF THE  
BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION


  
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Tyson T. Running Wolf, Secretary  
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council

  
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Harry Barnes, Chairman  
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council in a duly called, noticed, and convened Regular Session assembled the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015, with Eight (8) Members present to constitute a quorum and with a vote of Eight (8) Members FOR, Zero (0) Members OPPOSED, and Zero (0) Members ABSTAINING.

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Tyson T. Running Wolf, Secretary  
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council