

**NORTHERN ARAPAHO BUSINESS COUNCIL
WIND RIVER RESERVATION
RIVERTON, WYOMING**

RESOLUTION NO. NABC-2025-1952

RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE SACRED STATUS OF PEYOTE (*LOPHOPHORA WILLIAMSII*) AND OPPOSE ITS INCLUSION IN ANY PSYCHEDELIC DECRIMINALIZATION OR COMMERCIALIZATION EFFORTS

WHEREAS, the Northern Arapaho Tribe (the "Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Arapaho General Council ("General Council") is the traditional governing body of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 1941, the General Council delegated to the Northern Arapaho Business Council ("NABC") full authority to act on all matters of Tribal business and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has the inherent authority to govern itself and elects the NABC as the day-to-day governing body of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the NABC has the authority to set the Tribe's policies, rules, laws, and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is a sovereign Indigenous Nation with the inherent right to protect its sacred traditions, medicines, and ceremonial practices; and

WHEREAS, peyote (*Lophophora williamsii*) has been used for thousands of years by Indigenous Peoples in sacred ceremonies for healing, prayer, and spiritual guidance; and

WHEREAS, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act ("AIRFA") and associated federal statutes recognize the legal right of Native American Church members to use peyote in bona fide religious ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, the increasing efforts to decriminalize and commercialize psychedelic substances at the state level—including psilocybin—pose an ecological, spiritual, and cultural threat to peyote and Indigenous religious sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, wild peyote populations are already endangered due to overharvesting and habitat destruction, and further access could lead to extinction and loss of sacred knowledge; and

WHEREAS, any attempt to regulate or legalize peyote without full consultation and free, prior, and informed consent from sovereign tribal nations constitutes a violation of tribal sovereignty and treaty rights.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Arapaho Business Council, which is the official governing body of the Northern Arapaho Tribe, formally opposes the inclusion of peyote in any psychedelic decriminalization, legalization, or commercialization framework; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NABC demands that any future legislation or regulatory policy regarding psychedelics must explicitly exempt peyote and require tribal consultation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NABC affirms peyote as a sacred medicine of the people, not a recreational substance, and commits to its spiritual protection, ecological preservation, and intergenerational respect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the NABC is authorized to approve this resolution by video conference, telephone call or electronic mail; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution supersedes all previous resolutions and other actions of NABC to the extent there is a conflict; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Chairman and Co-Chairman are authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out this Resolution on behalf of the Tribe.

CERTIFICATION


The undersigned, as Chairman of the Northern Arapaho Business Council, hereby certify that the Northern Arapaho Business Council consists of six (6) members and that six (6) members were present constituting a quorum, at a regular meeting of the Northern Arapaho Business Council held on May 22, 2025. That the foregoing resolution was adopted by a vote of SIX (6) members FOR and ZERO (0) members AGAINST, Chairman voting and that the foregoing resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Done at Riverton, Wyoming, this 22nd day of May, 2025.



Keenan Groesbeck, Chairman
Northern Arapaho Business Council

ATTEST:



Bonita Bell, Secretary
Northern Arapaho Business Council