

Resolution No. 2012 - 082

Date Approved: March 9, 2012

Subject: Native American Logos and  
Mascots

**SILETZ TRIBAL COUNCIL  
Resolution**

**WHEREAS,** the Siletz Tribal Council is empowered to exercise the legislative and executive authority of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Siletz Constitution approved June 13, 1979, by the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and

**WHEREAS,** the State Board of Education staff are recommending to their Board to adopt a resolution and administrative rule that eliminates the use of Native American mascots and logos by all schools in the State of Oregon that receive state funding; and

**WHEREAS,** the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians agrees that images, cartoon caricatures, symbols, and behaviors negatively representing or depicting Native Americans used by fans and allowed by public schools should be banned as they distort the cultural perceptions of children both native and non-native of who Native Americans are; and

**WHEREAS,** the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians believes that Indian or Tribal community schools are the only schools in the state that are entitled to refer to themselves as Indian or approve the use of Native American logos and mascots in their community schools because it is a form of identity; and

**WHEREAS,** all schools having a logo or mascot representing Native Americans should be required to promote cultural studies that combat stereotypes, teach students the value of cultural symbols, and provide a true history of the people of their local tribal community; and

**WHEREAS,** Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians has previously declined to take a position against the use of Native American mascots and logos because the Siletz Valley School "Warriors" logo and mascot has long represented the local community and Siletz Tribe in a manner that is acceptable to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians recommends that the State of Oregon Board of Education approve a resolution and administrative rule that recognizes the authority of the Tribes of Oregon to approve the use of Native American mascots and logos in their community schools; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that other schools in the State of Oregon who wish to establish or maintain a Native American logo and mascot be required to promote cultural studies that combat stereotypes, teach students the value of cultural symbols, and portray the true history of the people of their local tribal community so that they promote pride in and respect for a Native American logo and mascot; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that establishment or continued use of Native American logos and mascots must be approved by the Oregon Department of Education in consultation with the Commission on Indian Services designated affected Tribe(s).

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

By



Delores Pigsley, Tribal Council Chairman

#### CERTIFICATION

This Resolution was adopted at a Special Tribal Council Meeting held on March 9, 2012, at which a quorum of the Tribal Council was present, and the Resolution was adopted by a vote of 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 0 ABSTAINING, the Chairman or Vice Chairman being authorized to sign the Resolution.

By



Tina Retasket, Tribal Council Secretary