

# MIDWEST ALLIANCE OF SOVEREIGN TRIBES

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## In support of Executive Clemency for Leonard Peltier

### Resolution No. 09-22

**WHEREAS**, the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) is an intertribal organization representing the thirty five (35) federally recognized Tribes and four (4) intertribal organizations in the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, and Iowa, each having sovereign authority to govern their own affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, MAST's mission is to "advance, protect, preserve, and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty, and cultural way of life of the sovereign nations of the Midwest;" and

**WHEREAS**, appellate courts have repeatedly acknowledged evidence of U.S. government misconduct in the prosecution of Leonard Peltier; and

**WHEREAS**, according to official court records, the United States prosecutor in the Peltier case has twice admitted that no one knows who fired the fatal shots; and

**WHEREAS**, Leonard Peltier has fulfilled his federal sentencing guideline requirements and maintained a clean prison record for 15+ years yet, on August 21, 2009, the U.S. Parole Commission denied his application for parole; and

**WHEREAS**, in a July 9, 2021, letter to Joseph R. Biden, former U.S. Attorney James Reynolds, who was the U.S. Attorney whose office handled the prosecution and appeal of Mr. Peltier's case in 1977, admits and concludes Mr. Peltier "has served more than 46 years on the basis of minimal evidence, a result [he] strongly doubts would be upheld in any court today."

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, The Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes hereby urges and supports Executive Clemency for Leonard Peltier and a commutation of the remainder of his sentence; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, The Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes hereby urges President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. to grant Executive Clemency to Leonard Peltier and to commute the remainder of his sentence; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes hereby urges its Members' respective Congressional Delegations to support Executive Clemency for Leonard Peltier; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this will remain the policy of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes until repealed or replaced by subsequent resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as President of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes, do hereby Certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 09-22 was passed on December 15, 2022, at a meeting of the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes with a quorum present, with 20 voting for, 0 voting against, and 0 abstaining.



Rebecca Richards, President