A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE
DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS,
OPPOSING THE USE OF ALL RACE-BASED NATIVE
AMERICAN/AMERICAN INDIAN/INDIAN LOGOS,
MASCOTS, AND NAMES BY SCHOOLS, COLLEGES,
UNIVERSITIES, ATHLETIC TEAMS, AND
ORGANIZATIONS

RESOLUTION 2022-08
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WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Tribe's governing body is the Delaware Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribal Council is authorized by Article V of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians to represent and act in all matters that concern the general welfare of the Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the American Psychological Association has confirmed the growing body of knowledge indicating race-based school policies to continue to use Native American/American Indian/Indian logos, mascots, and names harm all students, but particularly Native students; and

WHEREAS, institutions choosing to retain such imagery negatively impact students, faculty, and parents from other schools by exposing them to race-based imagery in interscholastic competitions; and

WHEREAS, the continued use of Native American/American Indian/Indian logos, mascots, and names undermines the educational experiences of members of all communities—especially those who have had little or no contact with Indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, the continued use of Native American/American Indian/Indian logos, mascots, and names establishes an unwelcome and often times hostile learning environment for Native students which affirms negative images/stereotypes promoted in mainstream society; and

WHEREAS, the continued use of Native American/American Indian/Indian logos, mascots, and names by school systems has a negative impact on the self-esteem of Native students; and

WHEREAS, the continued use of Native American/American Indian/Indian logos, mascots, and names undermines the ability of Tribal Nations to portray accurate and respectful images of their culture, spirituality, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, the continued use of Native American/American Indian/Indian logos, mascots, and names is a form of discrimination against Tribal Nations and their citizens which can lead to negative relations between groups; and

WHEREAS, the continued use of Native American/American Indian/Indian logos, mascots, and names is disrespectful of the spiritual beliefs and values of Tribal Nations; and
WHEREAS, the continued use of Native American/American Indian/Indian logos, mascots, and names has a negative impact on other communities by allowing for the perpetuation of stereotypes and stigmatization of another cultural group; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians does not support nor does it endorse the use of any Native American/American Indian/Indian logos, mascots, and names in the form of school or athletic team mascots no matter the intent or justification by any school or organization. The Delaware Tribal Council asserts such imagery in this context denigrates, degrades, and stereotypes American Indian or Native American people and their cultures.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing was considered by the Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and adopted this 19th day of March 2022 with a vote of 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstaining.

Brad KillsCrow, Chief

Attested by: Nicky Kay Michael, Secretary

REFERENCES
