

RESOLUTION
COLORADO RIVER TRIBAL COUNCIL

A Resolution to Establish an Order of Adoptive and Foster Care and Preadoptive Placements under the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Be it resolved by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, in *special* meeting assembled on March 9, 2017

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Indian Tribes (hereinafter "CRIT" or "Tribes") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, duly organized with a tribal governing body known as the Tribal Council according to the provisions contained in the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 1(v) of the Constitution of the Colorado River Indian Tribes authorizes the Tribal Council to promulgate ordinances and resolutions to provide for the administration of the health, education and welfare of members of the tribes; and

WHEREAS, 25 U.S.C. §1915(c) provides that Indian Tribes may establish a difference order of preference for Adoptive, Foster Care and Preadoptive placements in Indian Child Welfare Act ("ICWA") proceedings;

WHEREAS, the ICWA recognizes "that there is no resource that is more vital to the continued existence and integrity of Indian Tribes than their children"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes that pursuant to the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, United States Code Title 25, Indians Chapter 21, 1915 Placement of Indian Children; the Tribes changes the placement preferences for CRIT Children under 1915 (a) adoptive placements preferences. In any adoptive placement of a CRIT child under state law, a preference shall be given, in the absence of good cause to the contrary,


The foregoing resolution was on March 9, 2017 duly approved by a vote of 5 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining, by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, pursuant to authority vested in it by Sections 1.v., Article VI of the Constitution and By laws of the Tribes, ratified by the Tribes on March 1, 1975 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1975, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934, (46 Stat. 984). This resolution is effective as of the date of its adoption.

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By



Acting
Chairman



Secretary

o a placement with (1) a biological parent or parents (2) biological grandparent or grandparents; (3) a member of the child's extended family; (4) other members of CRIT; or (5) other Indian families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes that pursuant to the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, United States Code Title 25, Indians Chapter 21, 1915 Placement of Indian Children; the Tribes changes the placement preferences for CRIT Children as provided under Section 1915 (b) Foster care or preadoptive placements; criteria; Any child accepted for foster care or preadoptive placement shall be placed in the least restrictive setting which most approximates a family and in which his special needs, if any, may be met. The child shall also be placed within reasonable proximity to his or her home, taking into account any special needs of the child. In any foster care or preadoptive placement, a preference shall be given, in the absence of good cause to the contrary, to a placement with (1) a biological parent or parents; (2) placement with biological grandparent or grandparents; (3) a member of the CRIT child's extended family; (4) a foster home licensed, approved, or specified by the CRIT child's tribe; (5) an Indian foster home licensed, approved by an authorized non-Indian licensing authority and approved by the tribe; or (6) an institution for children approved by an Indian tribe or operated by an Indian organization which has a program suitable to meet the CRIT child's needs.

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED the Tribal Council Chairman and Secretary, or their designated representatives, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to implement this Resolution.