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RESOLUTION R-04-04-00-C

**"Request to University of Illinois to Cease Use of
Chief Illiniwek as Mascot "**

WHEREAS, the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936, and is governed by its Constitution approved by the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indians Affairs on August 3, 1997, and

WHEREAS, the Business Committee of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma is authorized to enact resolutions and act on behalf of the Peoria Tribe under Article VIII, Section 2, of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma are descendants of the Kaskaskia, Peoria, Piankeshuw, and Wea tribes, a group of tribes known as Illiniwek, or Illini, or Illinois Nations whose members were removed from their homelands and forced to move first to Missouri, then Kansas and finally into the northeastern part of Indian Territory, now Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the image portrayed by Chief Illiniwek does not accurately represent or honor the heritage of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma and is a degrading racial stereotype that reflects negatively on all American Indian people

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Peoria Tribe of Indians does not endorse or sanction the characterization of Chief Illiniwek as mascot for the University of Illinois and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma request the leadership of the University of Illinois to recognize the demeaning nature of the characterization of Chief Illiniwek, and cease use of this mascots.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution numbered R-04-04-00-C, Request to University of Illinois to Cease Use of Chief Illiniwek" was presented and discussed at a duly called regular meeting of the Peoria Tribal Business Committee held on this **4th** day of **April, 2000**, with a recorded vote of:

___ 3 ___ For, ___ 2 ___ Opposed ___ 0 ___ Abstentions

By cast of majority vote, Resolution Number R-04-04-00-C does hereby PASS
Pass/Fail

Ronald Froman - Chief

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