



**MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN  
RESOLUTION NO. 11-14**

**OPPOSITION OF WISCONSIN 2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 26 REQUESTING  
THE REPEALING ACTION OF 2009 WISCONSIN ACT 250**

**Whereas**, the Menominee people are indigenous to what is now known as the State of Wisconsin and our place of origin was at the mouth of the Menominee River where the five clans of the Menominee were created that include the Awáéhsaeh (Bear), Kenéw (Eagle), Mahwaew (Wolf), Mós (Moose) and Otáéchiah (Crane) and we continue to live on our ancestral land that was granted by the Máécawáéhtok (Creator); and

**Whereas**, the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with all the rights thereto, which acts through its duly elected and constituted governing body, the Tribal Legislature; and

**Whereas**, the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin opposes the ratification of the 2011 Assembly Bill 26, which calls for the repealing action of the 2009 Wisconsin Act 250, that restricts the use of race-based nicknames, logos, mascots, and team names by school boards in the State of Wisconsin; and

**Whereas**, the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin believes that the continued use of race-based nicknames, logos, mascots, and team 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 Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin believes the continued use of race based nicknames, logos, mascots, and team names undermines the ability of American Indian Nations to portray accurate and respectful images of their culture, spirituality, and traditions; and

**Whereas**, the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin believes the continued use of race-based nicknames, logos, mascots, and team names presents stereotypical images of American Indian communities, that may be a violation of the civil rights of American Indian people; and

**Whereas**, the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin believes the continued use of race-based nicknames, logos, mascots, and team names is a form of discrimination against Indigenous Nations that can lead to negative relations between groups;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that by this Tribal Resolution, the Menominee Indian Tribe declares; the use of race-based nicknames, logos, mascots, and team names by schools, colleges, universities, athletic teams, and organizations as discriminatory and harmful to all Indigenous people; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Menominee Tribal Legislature hereby opposes the ratification of the 2011 Assembly Bill 26 in its entirety and recommends the continuance of the 2009 Wisconsin Act 250.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned officers of the Menominee Tribal Legislature hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly **adopted** at a meeting held on **March 3, 2011**, with a quorum present, by a vote of **7** for, **0** opposed, **0** abstentions, and **1** absent.

The undersigned further certify that the foregoing Resolution has not been amended or rescinded in any way.

**MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN**

  
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**RANDAL CHEVALIER, CHAIRMAN  
MENOMINEE TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

  
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**REBECCA D. ALEGRIA, SECRETARY  
MENOMINEE TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

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