

## RESOLUTION NO. 378

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR JOINT SENATE AND HOUSE RESOLUTION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA NO. 35 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POLSON, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, the City of Polson is a chartered municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is the authorized governing body of the City of Polson; and

WHEREAS, the City of Polson, Montana, is located entirely within the boundaries of the original boundaries of the Flathead Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the said City has been continuously functioning as a State municipal government since 1910, adopting ordinances and regulations pertaining to the activities of the non-member citizens, both civil and criminal, including zoning and planning; and

WHEREAS, the City of Polson, Montana, during its exercise of such authority has invested millions of dollars of taxpayers' monies in the construction and procurement of the necessary governmental facilities; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the aforescribed existing governmental authorizations may be displaced and usurped by Tribal Government ordinances under Federal Court mandate; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has plenary powers in the area of criminal and civil jurisdiction within Indian Reservations; and

WHEREAS, Joint Senate and House Resolution No. 35 has been introduced in the Montana State Legislature which in effect would request the United States Congress to pass the necessary legislation to give the respective States criminal and civil jurisdiction over the persons and properties of non-Indian members within Indian Reservations; and

WHEREAS, the said City believes it to be in the best interests of the citizens and residents of their City that the long established laws of this State, its County and municipal arms should not be displaced in favor of a Tribal Government in which the non-Indian member citizen would have no representation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Polson, Montana, does support Senate and House Resolution No. 35 presently before the Montana State Legislature.

Unanimously adopted this 21st day of February, 1977.

ATTEST:

s/s Norene Mosley  
Mayor

s/s Ardath E. Morton  
City Clerk