

**TOWN OF OPHIR
RESOLUTION NO. 2000-3**

CONCERNING NATIVE PEOPLES OF THIS COUNTRY

**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TOWN OF OPHIR HEREBY ADOPTS THE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY RESOLUTION:**

We the people of Ophir realizing that the native peoples of this country have been treated not only unjustly over time but also most shamefully and disrespectfully by our federal government, do hereby call upon the U.S. government to honor it's treaties with the native peoples and do it's utmost to redress any and all grievances with the native peoples thereby hopefully achieving a just and lasting reconciliation.

We feel that the coercive signing of treaties with often times unfavorable terms for the native peoples, the failure of the U.S. to live up to these treaties, and the physical and cultural genocide suffered by the native peoples are among these lingering grievances.

The native peoples must be honored as dignified human beings with magnificent and admirable cultures by being allowed to exist and flourish not just as Americans but also as sovereign nations as long as they choose to do so.

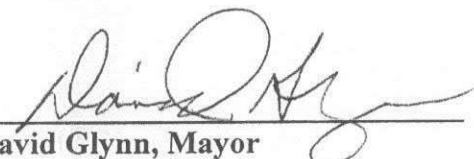
We suggest that the U.S. government take a proactive stance and initiate talks with the appropriate native American entities by first apologizing for it's mistreatment of the native peoples and then asking for direction on how to honor the treaties and settle the grievances and injustices that they, the native peoples feel exist to this day.

It is time for the U.S. government to take responsibility for it's past mistreatment and continuing neglect of Native Americans. We ask that this time be now.

Sincerely and most respectfully,
The People of Ophir

Resolution read, approved and adopted this 17th day of October, 2000.

By:



David Glynn, Mayor

Attest:



Lawrence Van Hoey, Town Clerk