

# Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

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The Honorable Governor Kristi Noem  
State of South Dakota  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe Executive Committee Lifts Banishment

Dear Governor Noem:

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe (the "Tribe") is pleased to inform you that on January 14, 2024, the Tribe's Executive Committee voted to remove the banishment that is passed in May. A copy of said resolution is attached hereto.

One of the stipulations contained in the banishment resolution was that you apologize for the comments that were made regarding tribal members and the education of tribal member children which were deemed offensive by some. In several meetings before and after the resolution was passed, you not only explained your position, but apologized if the comments offended the Tribe. You additionally sought advice on how to phrase such communications moving forward, which the Tribe and I appreciated.

Further, I commend you on your nomination by President Elect Donald Trump to the position of Secretary of U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and hereby support your nomination. I wish you the best of luck during the Senate Confirmation hearing on January 17, 2025, and believe that your dedication to the safety and security of the United States will benefit us all.

Sincerely,



Anthony Reider, President