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Barbara K. Cegavske, Secretary of State 101 North Carson Street, Suite 3 Carson City, Nevada 89701-3713

Stacey Montooth, Executive Director Nevada Indian Commission 5500 Snyder Avenue, Building 3 Carson City, Nevada 89701-6752

Re: Providing Photocopies of Tribal Identification Cards to Local Election Administrators

Dear Secretary Cegavske and Director Montooth:

The Nevada Legislature's Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections (Nevada Revised Statutes [NRS] 218E.320), which meets each interim between legislative sessions to evaluate and review issues related to legislative operations and elections, received testimony at its April 29, 2022, meeting regarding instances in which Nevada tribal members had difficulty using their tribal identification (ID) card to register to vote at certain polling sites during the 2020 elections.

As you know, NRS <u>237.200</u> and *Nevada Administrative Code <u>293.395</u>* provide for the acceptance of a tribal ID card with a Nevada address for in-person voter registration in the state. In order to aid in the compliance of existing state law and to ensure tribal members who are eligible to vote are not excluded from the voting process, the Committee respectfully requests the collaboration of your offices to provide a photocopy of each type of tribal ID card existing within Nevada to local election administrators for the 2022 General Election and for all future elections. It is the hope of the Committee that the visual examples of tribal ID cards will provide additional guidance and clarification for poll workers when encountering a person who presents a tribal ID card to register to vote.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. I am sure you will agree that we must do everything we can to ensure our tribal members can fully and equitably participate in the voting process. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Haley Proehl, Committee Policy Analyst, at (775) 684-6825 or via email at <a href="https://haley.proehl@lcb.state.nv.us">haley.proehl@lcb.state.nv.us</a> should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Assemblywoman Brittney Miller, Chair Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections 2021-2022 Interim

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