

## **Chapter 1. Enrollment Ordinance No. 1**

NOTE: Pursuant to Article 3 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Assiniboiné and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, this Chapter was adopted and should be amended only by a referendum vote of the Tribes.

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### **Sec. 101. Qualifications.**

The following individuals automatically qualify for membership in the Assiniboiné and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation and shall be enrolled if they comply with the rules of procedure prescribed for enrollment by the Tribal Executive Board:

(a) Basic rolls. Each living person of Assiniboiné and/or Sioux blood whose name appears on either the 1932 annuity payment roll or an allotment schedule prepared and approved pursuant to the Acts of February 8, 1887 (24 Stat. 388), February 28, 1891 (26 Stat. 794), May 30, 1908 (35 Stat. 558), August 1, 1914 (38 Stat. 593), February 14, 1920 (41 Stat. 408), and March 3, 1927 (44 Stat. 1401), provided that he or she is not enrolled as a member of some other tribe.

(b) Descendants of persons on basic roll. Each living person who is of one-fourth (1/4) or more Assiniboiné or Sioux blood born prior to the effective date of this Constitution who is a lineal descendant of a person whose name appears on one or both of the documents specified in (a) of this Section regardless of whether such annuitant or allottee is living or deceased, provided that he or she is not a member of some other tribe at the time of application for enrollment and provided further that he or she is a citizen of the United States. Any such person may apply for enrollment at any time.

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(c) Adoptees. Each person adopted into tribal membership by the General Council prior to the

effective date of this constitution whose adoption was approved by the Secretary of the Interior, or his/her authorized representative, provided such adoptee has not subsequently become enrolled as a member of some other tribe.

(d) Future members. Each child of one-fourth (1/4) or more Assiniboiné and/or Sioux blood born after the effective date of this ordinance to any member of the Assiniboiné and Sioux Tribes provided that the child is not a member of some other tribe at the time of application for enrollment and provided further, that the child is a citizen of the United States at the time of the child's birth.

**(AMENDMENT NO. 2 AS PER REFERENDUM VOTE OF 05/07/88.)**

(e) Associate members. Each child of one-eighth (1/8) or more but less than one-quarter (1/4), Assiniboiné and/or Sioux blood born to any member of the Assiniboiné and Sioux Tribes, provided the child is a citizen of the United States at the time of the child's birth. Associate members shall not be eligible to vote in Tribal elections or to share in any distribution of tribal funds or property, but shall otherwise be eligible for benefits as Indians as provided by Law.

**(AMENDMENT NO. 4 AS PER REFERENDUM VOTE OF 05/07/88.)**

### **Sec. 102. Loss of membership.**

In no case shall a member lose his/her membership other than by personal request in writing to the Tribal Executive Board or establishing residence in a foreign country.

### **Sec. 103. Rules of procedure.**

The Tribal Executive Board shall have the authority to appoint an Enrollment Committee of seven (7) tribal members and to prescribe rules to be followed by the Committee and by the tribal members in compiling a membership roll in accordance with the provisions of this article. The completed roll to be approved by the Tribal Executive Board, and in a case of distribution of tribal assets the roll shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for final approval by him/her

or by his/her authorized representative prior to such distribution.

**Sec. 104. Appeals.**

Any person who has been rejected for enrollment as a member of the Assiniboiné and Sioux Tribes shall have the right to appeal within sixty (60) days from the date of receipt of written notice of rejection to the Secretary of the Interior from the decision of the Tribal Executive Board, and the decision of the Secretary of the Interior shall be final.

**Sec. 105. Definition.**

The terms "Assiniboiné or Sioux blood" or "Assiniboiné and/or Sioux blood" as used in this Ordinance, means the blood of the Assiniboiné or the Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, Montana, or the blood of any other federally recognized Assiniboiné or Sioux Tribes, or any combination of Assiniboiné and Sioux blood. The burden shall be on the applicant for enrollment to establish the requisite degree of blood by evidence satisfactory to the Executive Board.

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