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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE) has adopted a position statement on Native American Language Protections; and

WHEREAS, it is MACIE's goal to proactively inform and educate school district Board of Trustees, administrators, teachers, and staff who serve Native American students, families, and communities within the state about the legal language protections that exist for Native American languages; and

WHEREAS, MACIE believes that many educators and school leaders find themselves uninformed and unprepared in regards to tribal sovereignty, culture, history, spirituality, regalia, and graduations; and

WHEREAS, MACIE believes it is best to address these issues in a preventative manner in order to mitigate any and all unwanted and unnecessary situations from happening, and from continuing to happen, in order to better prepare educators and school leaders;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Montana Board of Public Education supports MACIE in their work to address this lack of awareness by assisting in informing and preparing educators in the area of legal protections for Native American languages and other issues mentioned above that are present in the intersection of school law and Indian law.

RESOLVED BY THE MONTANA BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION  
ON JULY 15, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlene Schottle Ed.D.".

Darlene Schottle Ed.D.  
Chairperson, Board of Public Education