

LEECH LAKE RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE
ORDINANCE NO. 78-2

WHEREAS, it is necessary to maintain, preserve and protect Indian cemeteries, burial grounds, historic and prehistoric artifacts, monuments and ruins from damage, removal or loss from within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, said preservation and protection is vital to preservation of the culture, history and religion of the Indian people;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following ordinance is adopted for the purposes set forth above:

1. A cemetery is defined as "burial place; a burial ground".
2. A burial ground is defined as "the site or location whereupon there has been performed the act or process of burying".
3. An artifact is defined as "(a) a usually simple object (as a tool or ornament) showing human workmanship or modification; (b) a product of civilization; (c) a product of artistic endeavor".
4. A monument is defined as "a burial vault; a memorial stone or a building erected in remembrance of a person or event".
5. A ruin is defined as "the remains of something destroyed".
6. Historic is defined as "of or relating to times or events of written history".
7. Pre-historic is defined as "of or relating to times before written history".
8. Indian is defined as "(American Indian) a member of any of the aboriginal peoples of the western hemisphere".

Permits for the examination of ruins, burial grounds, cemeteries, the excavation of archaeological sites and the gathering of objects of antiquity upon the lands under the jurisdiction of the Leech Lake Band of Chippewas may be granted by the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee to institutions or persons which they may deem properly qualified to conduct such examinations, excavation or gathering, subject to such rules and regulations as they may prescribe.

Any person who shall appropriate, excavate, injure or destroy any Indian cemetery, Indian burial mound or burial ground, historic or pre-historic ruin or monument, or any object of antiquity situate on lands owned or controlled by the Leech Lake Band of Chippewa Indians or under their jurisdiction without the written permission of the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee having jurisdiction over said lands within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation, Minnesota, shall upon conviction be fined in the sum of not more than Five Hundred

Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for a period not to exceed six (6) months or shall suffer both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

In addition to the above penalty, whosoever shall violate this Ordinance may be subject to civil suit for both actual damages plus punitive damages in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) by any aggrieved party. The Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee shall be considered an aggrieved party and may sue any violator in the name of the Leech Lake Band of Chippewa Indians.

Pursuant to the provisions of P. L. 280, 28 U. S. C. 1360, this Ordinance shall be given full force and effect in the determination of any civil cause of action brought in the Courts of the State of Minnesota.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by a vote of 3 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining, at a Special Meeting of the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee held on the 3rd day of November, 1977 at which a quorum was duly present.

Wayne Wrenn, Acting Chairman
Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee

Alfred J. Burton, Secretary-Treasurer
Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee