

ORDINANCE NO. 80-4

WHEREAS, the Leech Lake Indian Reservation is a major nesting area for bald eagles; and

WHEREAS, eagle feathers and eagle parts are used for ceremonial and religious purposes by Indian people; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to regulate the distribution of eagle feathers and parts to qualified Indians for religious/ceremonial purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, the following Ordinance is hereby adopted for said purposes:

1. All dead eagles or parts found within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation shall be surrendered to the Leech Lake Reservation Conservation Department.
2. The Leech Lake Reservation Conservation Department shall send said dead eagles to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Health Lab at Madison, Wisconsin, to be necropsied with the agreement that they shall then be returned to the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee for distribution to qualified Indians for religious ceremonial purposes.
3. Any Indian person desiring eagle parts or feathers for religious ceremonial purposes shall submit an application for a permit to the Leech Lake Reservation Conservation Department on a form to be supplied applicants by the Conservation Department. Said form shall show the applicant's name, address, age and Tribal and Band Enrollment. It shall state the reason said eagle parts or feathers are desired by said applicant. The Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee shall review said application and if they decide the applicant desires eagle parts or feathers for bona fide religious ceremonial purposes, they may issue a permit to said applicant. The decision of the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee shall be final.
4. Said permit shall describe what eagle parts are being distributed to an applicant.
5. No eagle parts or feathers distributed under this Ordinance shall be sold. They are not transferable except to descendants of said applicant for religious ceremonial purposes.
6. The Leech Lake Reservation Conservation Department shall keep a permanent record of all applications and permits issued pursuant to this Ordinance.

7. The following priority is hereby established for issuing permits and distributing eagle parts and feathers for religious ceremonial purposes.

- First Priority : To members of the Leech Lake Band of Chippewas
- Second Priority : To members of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe residing on the Leech Lake Reservation.
- Third Priority : To all other enrolled members of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.
- Fourth Priority : To all other Chippewas enrolled in other Tribes or Bands.
- Fifth Priority : All other Indians.

8. Enforcement of this Ordinance shall be the responsibility of the Leech Lake Conservation Department and Leech Lake Reservation Court.

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WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing Ordinance was duly presented and adopted by a vote of 3 for and 0 against at a Special Meeting of the Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee, a quorum being present, held on June 3, 1980 at Walker, Minnesota.

Hartley F. White, Chairman
Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee

Alfred Pemberton, Secretary-Treasurer
Leech Lake Reservation Business Committee