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BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council that it hereby urges all tribal members and community members to actively support and participate in activities to help keep our reservation clean and beautiful.

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