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Tribal resolution procedure

We have your memorandum dated June 22, 1973 asking whether a tribal council resolution would be valid if adopted by the tribal governor without a tribal meeting or if only three tribal council members sign it. The answer to both questions is no.

Any official action of the Indian Township tribal council must be taken at a meeting presided over by the governor, or lieutenant governor in governor's absence. The meeting must be attended by a minimum of 4 of the 6 council members. 22 M.R.S.A. § 4831. The attempted resolution you describe as written up without a meeting or signed by only three council members would not be valid.

JK/mf