IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA

TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MICHAEL HOWE, in his official capacity as Secretary of State of North Dakota, et al.,

Defendant.

PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO EXCEED PAGE LIMITATION

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(C), Plaintiffs respectfully move for leave to exceed the 20-page limitation set by Rule 7.1 for their opposition to the Secretary's motion for a stay pending appeal. The Secretary's motion was 25 pages, and raises a novel argument never adopted by any court. Plaintiffs' opposition is 26 pages. Plaintiffs have expedited the preparation of their response in light of the Secretary's request that the Court rule on his motion by Tuesday, November 12. Given the importance of the issues and the length of the Secretary's motion, Plaintiffs' respectfully request leave to submit their 26-page response. Given the urgency, Plaintiffs are filing their response concurrently with this motion.

December 10, 2023

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing was served on all counsel of record via the Court's CM/ECF system.

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

Plaintiffs' motion for leave to exceed Rule 7.1(C)'s page limitation for their response to

Defendants' motion to stay is GRANTED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December __, 2023

Peter D. Welte, Chief Judge United States District Court

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