

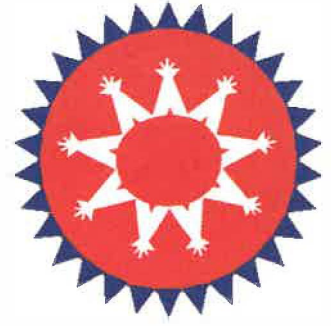


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Letter of Support for the Family of Clarence Leading Fighter

To all concerned, especially the dear family and the spirit of Clarence Leading Fighter,

The Oglala Sioux Tribe mourns the loss of yet another Lakota person murdered or missing because of border-town violence. My office has investigated the matter and I am concerned about how Clarence has been portrayed in local media. The police of Rushville, Nebraska have stated to the media that they were protecting themselves and the church-goers inside the Immaculate Conception Church when they gunned down Clarence Leading Fighter. According to an eye-witness, Clarence was tased and immobilized when he dropped to the ground, his body half-way in the door, when he was shot twice immediately in rapid succession. My office is awaiting the results of any investigations.

In the meantime, I fully support the family of Clarence Leading Fighter, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and all others who are walking with compassion and a sense of urgency to ensure that the Lakota people are not ignored, that justice prevails, and that our lives begin to matter. Our humanity must be recognized by our border town guests whom we support financially with our economic influence.

Respectfully,

Julian Bear Runner, President
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Julian Bear Runner,
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