

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE  
FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION**

- WHEREAS,** This Nation, having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes generally authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in activities on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Business Council is concerned with the prevention of HIV/AIDS throughout the North Dakota Native American population; and
- WHEREAS,** The Native American population currently accounts for 5% of the North Dakota population; they also account for 10% of the HIV/AIDS cases within the State; and
- WHEREAS,** The proposed study is funded by the North Dakota Department of Health and will survey 100 households randomly from each of the five North Dakota Indian reservations. The effort will be coordinated through tribal housing offices and will employ local area UND students to conduct the collection of confidential surveys; and
- WHEREAS,** The targeted population will be individuals between the ages of 18 and 44, male and female, living within the reservation/Indian areas and each participant will receive incentive coupons (value \$9.99) to be redeemed at a local grocer or gas station; and
- WHEREAS,** The information collected for this survey will be done anonymously; the data will be stored at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences within a locked file cabinet and will be destroyed once the data is secured. A copy of the report prepared for the North Dakota Department of Health will be provided to the Tribal Council for its use and information; and
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the University of North Dakota Center for Rural Health shall be allowed to conduct a survey of enrolled members living within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, funded by the North Dakota Department of Health, to provide data that can be used in the prevention of an HIV/AIDS epidemic on the Fort Berthold Reservation provided that the Tribe shall receive notice and opportunity to share input for the development of the final

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Dear Chairman Hall:

My name is Leander Russell McDonald. I'm employed as a research analyst at the University of North Dakota Center for Rural Health. My mom is Vina Wells McDonald, from the Three Affiliated Tribes and my dad is Tony McDonald from the Spirit Lake Dakota Nation. I am writing to request permission to conduct an HIV/AIDS Needs Assessment on your reservation or Indian Area. The data gathered would be used to guide prevention activities for the four reservations and the Trenton Indian Area.

The project has been funded by the North Dakota Department of Health and entails surveying 100 households from each of the five Indian areas. Since the majority of Indian housing is under HUD, we would work with tribal housing offices to obtain a list of randomly selected homes to survey. The population we are targeting are those between the ages of 18 and 44 both male and female living within reservation/Indian areas.

Confidentiality is of the utmost priority with efforts being taken to ensure privacy of the participants. We hope to employ UND students from your local areas as data collectors for the project. All 100 participating households, will receive an incentive of \$9.99 to be redeemed at a local grocer or gas station. (Tax regulations from our accounting office would require us to get tax information on everyone receiving money over the amount of \$10.00, therefore we had to go with the \$9.99 to ensure the privacy of those completing the survey).

Although Native Americans currently account for 5% of the North Dakota population, they account for 10% of the HIV/AIDS cases within the state. It is imperative to all of our nations to participate and put forth prevention efforts to help curb this epidemic before it gets too out of hand. Data needed to give direction to prevention efforts is lacking, therefore we are asking your tribe to participate in this greatly needed effort to gather data.

Please find enclosed a copy of the survey instrument and a draft letter of cooperation granting us permission for the project. If this proves sufficient, please place on your letterhead, sign and return in the self-addressed stamped envelope. Thank you for your consideration and if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 1-800-896-7628 or 701-777-3720.

Sincerely,

Leander R. McDonald

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June 28, 2001

Mr. Leander R. McDonald  
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Dear Mr. McDonald:

The Three Affiliated Tribes does hereby give consent for you to conduct the North Dakota Native American HIV/AIDS Needs Assessment within our reservation boundaries. The needs assessment regarding the knowledge, attitudes, behavior and beliefs regarding HIV/AIDS among North Dakota Native Americans would be useful data for our tribe. The information will help us to better understand the needs of the people within the high-risk ages of 18 to 44 years of age. The final report prepared for the North Dakota Health Department will also be provided to our Tribal Council for our information and use.

Confidentiality is of the utmost importance to our enrolled members. Therefore, the participants will be asked not to identify themselves in any way with their responses being sealed in plain envelopes before dropping in a secured, locked box. The data collector will not have access to the key for this box. Mr. McDonald will have the key to this locked box. No other person will be able to retrieve the questionnaires. All participants are free to decline answering any question that they wish and may stop at any time for any reason.

All survey forms will be sent to and stored at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Data will be entered into a computer file (again, no names or personal identifiers) and stored in a secure location. The survey forms will immediately be destroyed after the data have been secured. All participants will receive an incentive coupon of \$9.99 to be redeemed at a local grocer or gas station for completing a survey. UND students from the Three Affiliated Tribes will be employed as data collectors for the project.

Sincerely,

Tex G. Hall, Chairman

NORTH DAKOTA NATIVE AMERICAN  
HIV/AIDS PREVENTION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

DEMOGRAPHICS.

1. Are you male or female?  Male  Female
2. What is your age?  Yrs
3. What is your present marital status?
  - Single (never married)
  - Married
  - Common law married/living as married?
  - Living with a sexual partner of the same sex?
  - Living with a sexual partner of the opposite sex?
  - Separated?
  - Divorced?
  - Widowed?
  - Other? (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - Don't know/Unsure
4. What is your highest level of education?
  - no formal schooling
  - eighth grade or less
  - less than high school graduation
  - GED (high school equivalency)
  - high school graduation
  - Trade or technical training
  - some college
  - college graduation
  - a graduate degree(eg MD, MA, JD)
5. How long have you been living at your current address?
  - 21 years & over
  - 11-20 years
  - 5-10 years
  - 3-4 years
  - 1-2 years
  - Less than 1 year
6. What do you think your household income was for the past year?
  - Under \$5,000
  - \$5,000-\$6,999
  - \$7,000-\$9,999
  - \$10,000-\$14,999
  - \$15,000-\$19,999
  - \$20,000-\$24,999
  - \$25,000-\$34,999
  - \$35,000-\$49,999
  - \$50,000 or more

**SEXUAL ACTIVITY. The following questions ask about your personal sexual experiences. If a question does not apply to you, skip it and continue.**

7. Have you ever had sexual intercourse?  
\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No (If no, skip to question #14)

8. At what age did you have your first sexual encounter?  
\_\_\_

9. How many days in the last 30 days did you have sex (vaginal, oral, and/or anal)?  
DAYS \_\_\_  
DK/UNSURE  
REFUSED

10. Of these times, how many times did you use a condom?  
TIMES \_\_\_  
DK/UNSURE  
REFUSED

11. During this 30 day period, how many different people did you have sex with?  
PEOPLE \_\_\_  
DK/UNSURE  
REFUSED

12. How many of your sex partners were female?  
PARTNERS \_\_\_  
DK/UNSURE  
REFUSED

13. How many of your sex partners were male?  
PARTNERS \_\_\_  
DK/UNSURE  
REFUSED

**ALCOHOL/DRUG USE**

14. Have you ever used any of the following drugs in the last 30 days? (Check all that apply) -

- \_\_\_ Alcohol
- \_\_\_ Marijuana/Hashish
- \_\_\_ Crack
- \_\_\_ Cocaine
- \_\_\_ Heroin by itself
- \_\_\_ Heroin & Cocaine mixed together (e.g. speedball)
- \_\_\_ Nonprescription methadone
- \_\_\_ Other opiates (e.g. Demerol, codeine, dilaudid)
- \_\_\_ Amphetamines (e.g. speed, uppers, bennies)
- \_\_\_ Other drugs (drug used most recently; specify only one drug.)

**HEALTH**

15. For each of the following, how many times have you been told by a doctor or a nurse that you had...?

- Hepatitis B
- Gonorrhea (GC, clap, dose)
- Syphilis (syph)
- Genital warts (HPV-human papilloma virus)
- Chlamydia (nongonococcal urethritis (NGU)
- Genital herpes (herpes)

Females only:

- Trichomonas (trich)
- Vaginal candidiasis (yeast infection)

**HIV TESTING**

16. Have you had a blood test for HIV (the AIDS virus)?  
 Yes  No (If no, skip to question #20)

17. How many of those times did you get the results?  
TIMES   
DK/UNSURE   
REFUSED

18. When was the last time you were tested? Tell me the month and year.  
MONTH   
YEAR

19. Did you get your test results that last time?  
 Yes  No

**HIV STATUS**

20. Have you ever been told that you were infected with the AIDS virus (HIV)?  
 Yes  No

21. If yes, in what year were you first told you were infected with the AIDS virus?  
YEAR

22. If yes, do you know where you were infected?  
 In North Dakota  
 Out of state  
 Don't know

**AIDS STATUS**

23. Have you ever been told you have AIDS?  
 Yes  No

24. In what year were you told you had AIDS?  
YEAR

25. If yes, do you know where you were infected?

- In North Dakota
- Out of state
- Don't know

### HEMOPHELIA STATUS

26. In the past year, have you received a blood transfusion?

Yes  No

27. Have you ever been advised that you have hemophilia (A bleeding disorder)?

Yes  No

### KNOWLEDGE/PREVENTION

28. Which statement best describes your chance of getting AIDS?

- No chance = 0%
- Some chance = 25%
- Half chance = 50%
- High chance = 75%
- Sure chance = 100%

29. In the last 30 days, about what percent of the time when having sex, did you use a condom?

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%  question not applicable

30. Has anyone in the community ever given you information and/or risk reduction supplies (e.g., bleach, condoms) about AIDS and AIDS prevention?

Yes  No (If no, skip to question #33)

31. If yes, in the past 30 days, have you been given...(Circle each that you received)

- A. Information about AIDS prevention (e.g. pamphlets, fact sheets)?
- B. Bleach?
- C. Other materials (e.g. clean cookers/cotton)?
- D. Clean needle by a prevention or community worker?
- E. Condoms, other latex protection, or related information?
- F. Referral to drug treatment program?
- G. Referral to needle exchange program?
- H. Referral for HIV antibody testing and/or other health related services or social services?

32. Do you remember what type of program it was? (Check one)

- I.H.S.
- Tribal Health
- CHRs
- Chemical Dependency Program
- HIV/AIDS Prevention Program
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

33. If no, have you done anything independently in the last 30 days to reduce your chances of getting AIDS?

- A. Cut back on you IV drug use?
- B. Cut back on your needle sharing?
- C. Cleaned your needles with bleach more often?
- D. Cut back the number of your sexual partners?
- E. Used a condom or latex protection more often?
- F. Changed sexual practices (e.g. vaginal, oral, anal) other than reducing the number of sexual partners?

34. CONTEXTS:

When you think of your own personal sexual experiences, how do the following seem to relate? (Please check the appropriate box for each category)

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Seldom	Never	Not Applicable
Use of condoms						
Same partner						
Talk about safety						
You in control						
Alcohol present						
Use of drugs						
Shared needles						
Fear of STDs						
Fear of pregnancy						
Know partner's HIV status						

35. Please rate each of the following in terms of how effective they would be in preventing AIDS. (Please check the appropriate box for each category)

	Very High	High	Medium	Low	Very Low
Abstain From Sex					
Non Penetrative Sex/Thigh Sex					
Always Use Condoms					
Limit Number of Sex Partners					
Have Only One Sex Partner					
Avoid Sex Workers (Prostitutes)					
Have Sex With a Virgin					
User Sterilized Needles					
Require Partner to Take Blood Test					

36. Do you have any advice/suggestions for providing HIV/AIDS information to reservation residents in your area?

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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!!!



comprehensive report taken from individuals within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, and further provided that the Tribe shall have a proprietary interest in any funds generated from the use of the data compiled as a result of the surveys.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitutes a quorum, 7 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2001; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 7 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 0 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman  Voting [ ] Not Voting.

Marius Welle  
Secretary, Tribal Business Council

**ATTEST:**

Joseph H. Hall  
Chairman, Three Affiliated Tribes