



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

*A Resolution Entitled: Northern Plains Cancer Screening Project*

- WHEREAS,** This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act and having adopted a Constitution and By-laws pursuant to said Act; and
- WHEREAS,** Article III of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes 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 thereof; and
- WHEREAS,** Article VI, Section 5 (l) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the Tribal Business Council and other Tribal agencies and Tribal officials on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** Cancer is the second leading cause of death for Northern Plains Native Americans (NPNA).
- WHEREAS,** There is strong evidence that NPNA are getting and dying from most types of cancer in greater numbers than the general US population and than Native Americans in other regions.
- WHEREAS,** Screening tests exist that have shown to be effective in both cost and in increasing prevention, early detection, and survival from four common types of cancer (i.e., breast, cervical, prostate, and colorectal).
- WHEREAS,** The numbers of NPNA getting these screening tests as recommended needs improvement.
- WHEREAS,** The Northern Plains Cancer Coalition would like to assist and support the continued development of cancer screening programs for the Three Affiliated Tribes by working with tribal health personnel.



**WHEREAS,** The Northern Plains Cancer Coalition received a grant from the Spirit of EAGLES (project period August 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009), which will provide \$2,500 to 7 tribes in the Aberdeen Area, including the Three Affiliated Tribes, in order to support increasing cancer screening and education programs in each respective community.

**WHEREAS,** This funding as well as additional resources and support are needed to educate NPNA about cancer and improve access to life-saving cancer screening tests, follow-up, and prompt treatment in Tribal and Indian Health Centers.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Tribal Council supports the development and implementation of cancer screening initiatives in order to improve cancer prevention and early detection for the Three Affiliated Tribes and for Northern Plains Native Americans.

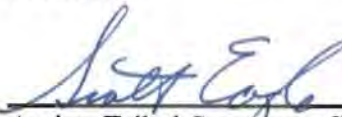
**CERTIFICATION**

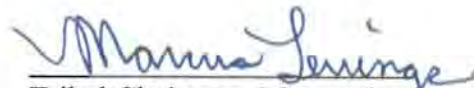
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2008; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such Meeting by the affirmative vote of 5 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.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2008.

**ATTEST:**

  
Acting Tribal Secretary, Scott Eagle  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

  
Tribal Chairman, Marcus Levings  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes