

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

- A Resolution entitled, "Authorization for Establishment of a Tribal Suicide Prevention Taskforce"
- 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 under said Act; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution and By Laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Tribal Business Council is the governing body of the Tribes; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 (l) of said Constitution, the Tribal Business
  Council has the power to adopt resolutions regulating the procedures of the Tribal
  Business Council and other Tribal agencies and Tribal officials on the
  Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Business Council has authority according to the terms of the said Constitution 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
- where As, research has indicated that the percentage of Severe Injuries occurring to tribal members from Suicide Injuries in 2005-2006 were 40: 73% were females, 98% were hospitalized and 70% involved the use of alcohol. The majority of injuries involved people ages 15-24 years of age; research further revealed that three suicide deaths occurred in 2005-2006; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Business Council finds that suicide is a public health issue on the Reservation and that a taskforce should be established to address the issue.
- **NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED,** That the Tribal Business Council hereby supports the establishment of a "Suicide Prevention Taskforce" on Fort Berthold Indian Reservation aimed at reducing the incidence of suicide gestures and completions; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Tribal Business Council hereby supports the intent of the" Suicide Prevention Taskforce" to apply for grants to work on this problem; and
- **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes a team to implement a "Suicide Prevention Taskforce", the team shall consist of representatives from: Circle of Life, Parshall Resource Center, Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Court, Three Affiliated Tribes Justice Center, Three Affiliated



Tribes Legal Department, Three Affiliated Tribes Judicial Committee, Three Affiliated Tribes Social Services Department, Three Affiliated Tribes Health Department, the Federal Programs Executive Officer, local school districts, the Fort Berthold Law Enforcement and the Three Affiliated Tribes Boys and Girls Club.

## 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 9th day of April, 2009; 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 [X] Voting. [ ] Not voting.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2009.

ATTEST:

Tribal Secretary, Judy Brugh

Tribal Business Council

Three Affiliated Tribes

Tribal Chairman, Marcus Levings.

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