



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

*A Resolution Entitled: "Authorization for Tribal Participation in a Nationwide Elder Needs Assessment Survey for the Title VI Grant Funding Year 2011 through 2013."*

**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**, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribe 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 thereof; 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,

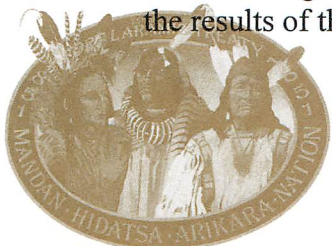
**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Business Council has authority according to the terms of the Constitution to provide Long-term care for tribal elderly, a category that includes health promotion, home health services, personal care, housekeeping assistance, home delivered meals, skilled nursing care, assisted living, and other in-home services which is an emerging unmet need in Indian Country; and,

**WHEREAS** Three National Resource Centers (North Dakota, Alaska and Hawaii) have been awarded grants through the Administration on Aging, Department of Health & Human Services, to collaborate and provide technical assistance on the health and social needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elderly and assist these groups in conducting a needs assessment which is a requirement for their AOA grants; and,

**WHEREAS** The needs assessment is designed to yield information on the following Native American elder health care needs:

- General Health Status
- Activities of Daily Living
- Visual, Hearing, and Dental
- Tobacco and Alcohol Use
- Nutrition, Exercise, and Excess Weight
- Social Support, Housing, and Work

**WHEREAS** In addition to providing technical assistance, the three National Resource Centers on Native Aging are required, by the Older Americans Act, to perform research and disseminate the results of the research; and,





**WHEREAS** The three National Resource Centers on Native Aging are asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement, to identify the needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elders nationwide, in which the resource centers and the Tribe/consortium will each assume responsibilities as follows:

What the Resource Center will provide:

- Needs assessment instruments
- Assistance in sampling
- Training of interviewers
- Consultation with interviewers via email or telephone
- Data entry and analysis
- Data storage
- Production of tables and comparisons with national statistics

What each Tribe/consortium will provide:

- A Tribal Resolution documenting participation in the Native elder social and health needs assessment as applicable
- A list of elders to interview
- Interviewers or volunteers to conduct the survey
- Interpretation of the results with local input
- Development of recommendations for actions
- Dissemination of the results to tribal leaders and health officials

**WHEREAS**, Summary information from each tribal needs assessment, along with a national comparison report from all the needs assessments, will be returned to the governing council and to the local contact person; and,

**WHEREAS**, The confidentiality of enrolled members and Tribal/consortium information is of the utmost importance; therefore, the information in this needs assessment will be collected anonymously by tribal members with the information stored at the University or North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of ten years; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Tribal Business Council has determined that it would be in the best interests of the Tribes and its members to participate in this needs assessment.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes the participation of the Three Affiliated Tribes in the *Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders*.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Business Council grants permission to the North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging to use all





collected needs assessment information in aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analyses of the data; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that specific information collected within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation shall belong to the Three Affiliated Tribes and may not be released in any form to any individuals, agencies, or organizations without tribal authorization.


**CERTIFICATION**

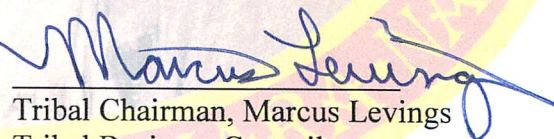
I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of 7 members of whom 5 constitute a quorum, 5 were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010; 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Tribal Secretary, V. Judy Brugh  
Tribal Business Council  
Three Affiliated Tribes

  
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Tribal Chairman, Marcus Levings  
Tribal Business Council  
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