

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

A Resolution entitled, "We take care of our own, let's do it" is the sound of young people at the New Town High School who would like their voices heard on the Meth/drug problems which have stretched its tentacles across the Ft. Berthold Indian Reservation and poisoned families, our healthcare system, law enforcement and communities. Recommendations of the New Town High School students

- WHEREAS, This Nation having accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, and the authority under said Act; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes Constitution authorizes and empowers the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Tribal Business Council to engage in activity on behalf of and in the interest of the welfare and benefit of the Tribes and of the enrolled members thereof; 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 the Tribal Business Council has authority to adopt resolutions which affect families, healthcare, law enforcement and communities at the six segments of the Ft. Berthold Indian Reservation.
- WHEREAS, the Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Counsel is accountable and has the power to enforce safety measures for the healthcare, welfare, and public safety for the Reservation communities for our tribal members; and
- WHEREAS, methamphetamine and other illicit drugs are destroying families, the culture, traditions and spirituality of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation and its members whom the tribal council was elected to protect and serve; and
- WHEREAS, New Town High School Students (of which the majority are tribal members) are taking a stand against Meth and other illicit drugs on the Reservation and would respectfully ask the tribal council to consider enacting the following laws or taking the following actions:
 - 1) Prohibit the use of meth and or any illicit drug by pregnant women on the Reservation and or use of incarceration or institutionalization as a tool to ensure the safety of the unborn child, and protect the future of said child from any disabilities or institutional care.
 - 2) Develop, plan fund and Build a "High intensity treatment center" or provide available space for such treatment of tribal members convicted of



meth/drug related offenses and for family interventions. Due to the fierceness and acute addiction of crystal meth and all that accompanies it, a lengthy treatment program would be appropriate which can be determined by the Circle of Life licensed addiction counselors or the tribal court. Research indicates that the initial treatment stay should be at least six months to several years for methamphetamine addiction.

- 3) Provide "Aftercare Camps" to ensure a future filled with hope, not despair for recovering addicts. The primary complaint of young people is the lack of support when treatment is finished. To do this the tribal council would be asked to supply the necessary means for the recovery of our people. The "Aftercare Camps" would include:
 - a. individual counseling
 - b. group counseling
 - c. recreational therapies
 - d. experiential therapies
 - e. psycho-education
 - f. creative expression
 - g. relapse prevention workshops
 - h. other
- 4) initiate a Media Campaign informing the entire Reservation via the MHA times newspaper, the KMHA radio station, Art Deco and Bill Boards about the hazards and consequences of Meth/drug use and;
- WHEREAS, Historically, banishment was used to keep tribal communities in line.

 Banishment from the Ft. Berthold Indian Reservation upon conviction of meth/drug related offenses should be enforced as one of the consequences of distributing drugs on the reservation through use of the Tribe's Drug Code and existing Banishment Provisions; and
- WHEREAS, The Three Affiliated Tribes (also known as the Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation would benefit greatly by approving these collateral measures for the Ft. Berthold Indian Reservation. These measures would allow for a hope filled lifestyle for tribal members rather than the present fearful (violence, prostitution, child sexual abuse, drug dealers, gangs homicides and robberies along with carjacking) environment. We can no longer blame anyone except ourselves because we have the power and means to protect our families and our homes; and



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Business Council does hereby approve the resolution that was researched and thoughtfully done by the New Town Senior High School Students who want a secure and safe future for themselves and others and will consider all of the recommendations of the Students and assign applicable departments to work toward these objectives.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation hereby certify that the tribal Business Council is composed of seven (7) members of whom five (5) constitute a quorum, 7 were present at a regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the _16_ day of _April_, 2013, 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.

Dated this 16 day of April, 2013.

Tribal Secretary, V. Judy Brugh

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