



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

A Resolution Entitled: "Financial Assistance Request from the Native American Training Institute, a Tribally-Chartered Entity of the MHA Nation"

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 and By-laws of the Three Affiliated Tribes was adopted By the membership of the Tribes on May 15, 1936 pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 and duly approved by the Secretary of Interior, 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, The Native American Training Institute (NATI) was tribally-chartered by the Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Council on February 8, 2001. NATI has been operating for nearly 20 years and has grown from providing training and technical assistance to ND tribal child welfare workers to other child welfare and human service agencies across the United States and Canada. NATI continues to expand our service delivery area to other tribal child welfare and human service organizations to generate additional operation funds to sustain it and to meet the great training needs across Indian Country, but especially those served in North Dakota.

NATI is currently experiencing financial challenges. On November 20, 2014, the Board of Directors authorized the Interim Director, Sandra Bercier, to go before the MHA Nation Tribal Business Council to request a financial donation. At this time NATI's Accounts Payable is at \$16,142.34. Some of our larger unpaid expenses are as follows:

Brady Martz (Annual Audit)	\$4,500.00
Deborah Painte (Consultant)	\$2,124.50
Capital Accounting (Payroll Accountants)	\$1,945.11
Advanced Business Methods (Copier/Fax/Scan)	\$1,125.07



Sandra Bercier (Unpaid Travel Expenses)	\$3,650.88
John Power, CPA (Retirement Plan Administrator)	\$1,050.00
Armor Interactive (IT)	\$ 432.00

Our monthly administrative costs are approximately \$10,500.00. This includes such items as payroll, rent, utilities, and payroll services. This does not include any travel required, training materials, supplies, audit costs, etc.

Our income has typically been sufficient to cover our monthly expenses. The previous Director resigned in August and that transition has affected our bottom line. Sandra Bercier has been working diligently to meet payroll and cover basic expenses. In addition to marketing and developing training opportunities, recently, Casey Family Program has committed to contracting more training and technical assistance activities and the new Capacity Building Center for Tribes will be using the NATI for consultation. We are confident that if we can get over this temporary financial crisis we can keep the Native American Training Institute operational and successful.

The other area we are requesting support is your sponsorship for some of our annual conference expenses for the ND Indian Child Welfare & Wellness Conference, which will be held on February 18 – 20, 2015 at the Seven Seas Convention Center in Mandan. These conference expenses are for items that are not allowable costs for some of the funding sources we use to defray conference costs such as the ND Court Improvement Project and ND DHS, Children & Family Services. This conference is very well attended by the MHA Child and Family Services (MHA CFS) program staff. Kathy Felix is on the planning committee for the conference.

WHEREAS,

The Native American Training Institute provides technical assistance and support to the MHA CFS program in numerous ways throughout each year. NATI maintains close contact with all North Dakota child welfare programs. Each Tribal Child Welfare Director sits on the NATI Board of Directors. NATI provides cross cultural training in areas such as “Extending Our Families Through Unity Train-the-Trainer”, “Wraparound in Indian Country”, “In the Spirit of ICWA”, and “Historical Trauma”. Native American children and their birth and foster families benefit directly from the training. NATI also provides support to the MHA CFS (and all tribes in North Dakota) for Title IV-E and Title IV-B funding which directly benefits all children served by the MHA CFS and the North Dakota Tribal child welfare programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

It is with humility that the Native American Training Institute, represented by Sandra Bercier, Interim Director; Marita Felix, Office Manager; and Renee Mayer, NATI Board of Director Chairperson, requests the following financial donation:



**NATIVE AMERICAN TRAINING INSTITUTE
Financial Assistance Budget Request**

NATI Accounts Payable	\$15,000.00
One Month Operating Expenses	\$10,000.00
ND Indian Child Welfare Conference Sponsorship	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST	\$30,000.00
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPROVED BY T.B.C. ACTION	\$15,000.00

(Signature Page to follow)




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, were present at a Regular Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the day of 7TH, 2015, 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 7TH day of JAN, 2015.

ATTEST:


Executive Secretary: L. Ken Hall
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes


Chairman: Mark Fox
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribe