



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

A Resolution entitled, “Approving the Behavioral and Social Science Research on Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities (R21) National Institutes of Health proposal with North Dakota State University’s (NDSU) American Indian Public Health Resource Center (AIPHRC) to focus on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) on MHA Nation”

WHEREAS, This Nation accepted the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, (IRA), 25 U.S.C.A. §§ 461 et seq., and adopted a Constitution and By-Laws pursuant to the authority of the Act; 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 III of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes provides that the Tribal Business Council is the Governing Body of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 5(1) of the Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes the Tribal Business Council to adopt resolutions regulating the procedure of the tribal council, tribal agencies and tribal officials of the Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Three Affiliated Tribes authorizes and empowers the Tribal Business Council to engage in economic activities that promote and enhance the interests of the Tribe while, at the same time, serving the best interests and welfare of the enrolled members; and

WHEREAS, Adverse Childhood Experiences are defined as: child abuse and neglect, growing up with domestic violence, substance abuse or mental illness in the home, parental loss, or crime, and

WHEREAS, Research proves that children who experiences ACEs are at a significantly higher risk for smoking, severe obesity, physical inactivity, depression, suicide attempt, alcoholism, illicit drug use, injected drug use, promiscuity, and history of sexually transmitted infections, and

WHEREAS, MHA Nation Tomorrow is an initiative focused on bringing together tribal members to develop a plan for what they envision as a quality of life for all tribal members and our future generations.



RESOLUTION NO. 15-173-LKH

WHEREAS, North Dakota State University proposes a three phase project, working with MHA Nation Tomorrow and other community stakeholders, where Phase 1 (months 1-12) of the project will propose to conduct an ACE study at MHA and cover Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE), chronic disease (CD), behavior health screening; compiling ACE mitigation strategies; presenting to stakeholders and conducting community forums; and using community input, design a MHA community based ACE prevention & mitigation strategy, and

WHEREAS, Phase 2 (months 6-20) of the project will propose to conduct the community based intervention, conduct data collection, and evaluation, and Phase 3 (months 20-24) of the project will propose to conduct data analysis; increase resources for expanded intervention, and pursue additional resources, and

WHEREAS, NDSU's Master of Public Health Department Chair Donald Warne, MD, MPH has extensive experience in conducting an ACE Study with tribes, and the American Indian Public Health Resource Center's mission is to address inequalities in American Indian Health status by increasing access to public health resources, and

WHEREAS, The project will utilize processes to involve multiple stakeholders who address behavioral health issues across MHA Nation and the data collected will be owned by MHA Nation and results will be reported back to the tribal council, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that North Dakota State University American Indian Public Health Resource Center is authorized to write the proposal to the National Institutes of Health for funding to conduct the Adverse Childhood Experiences study with MHA Nation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, All information shall be owned by the Three Affiliated Tribes of the MHA Nation. Any use of information must be approved in writing by the Tribal Business Council.

(SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW)



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, 6 were present at a Regular

Or Special Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 8th day of October, 2015; that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by

The affirmative vote of 6 members, 0 members opposed, 0 members abstained, 1 members not voting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Chairman voting. not voting.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2015

ATTEST:

Tribal Secretary L. Kenneth Hall

Tribal Business Council

Three Affiliated Tribes

Tribal Chairman Mark N. Fox

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