



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

A Resolution entitled, "Authorization to fund the Fort Berthold Diabetes Program in the event that the Special Diabetes Program for Indians' (SDPI) funding should ever not be reauthorized through the United States Congress."

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 (or "Tribes") was adopted by 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 Three Affiliated Tribes recognizes the long-term and immediate need for continued quality health care for its members on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The SDPI Program was established in 1997 by Congress to address the diabetes epidemic in Native Americans, and the Three Affiliated Tribes has received funding since 1999, but this funding has never been authorized long-term, which would ensure program stability; and

WHEREAS, On February 9, 2018, Congress passed a two-year renewal of SDPI. The renewal was included in a larger spending package to fund the federal government. This funding agreement followed several rounds of congressional negotiations during which time SDPI was renewed for emergency three-month extensions. The uncertainty Tribes experience as these negotiations occur every one to two years speaks to the need to secure long-term funding for this successful program. SDPI currently has funding through September 30, 2019; and



WHEREAS, SDPI funding has helped the Fort Berthold Diabetes Program change the diabetes landscape on the Reservation through a community-driven, culturally appropriate Program that has led to significant advances in diabetes education, treatment and prevention; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Berthold Diabetes Program utilizes yearly SDPI funding in the amount of \$620,774.00 for clinical and community-based prevention and care activities to reduce the impact of diabetes and other chronic disease risk factors; and

WHEREAS, Short-term renewal has led to increased difficulty for recruiting and retaining staff, which is an obstacle to building Program consistency; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Berthold Diabetes Program utilizes yearly SDPI funding to employ six professionally trained staff members including a Community Dietitian, three (3) Health Education Technicians, a Medical Support Assistant, and a Program Attendant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council authorizes that the Tribes continue to support and lobby for increased and renewed SDPI funding to help eradicate the diabetes epidemic in Native communities and among the members of the Three Affiliated Tribes; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes hereby authorizes a continuation of funding from the Tribes for the Fort Berthold Diabetes Program, to help maintain its current staffing numbers, in the event federal funding for SDPI ever ceases.

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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 12th day of September, 2019, 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 12th day of September, 2019.

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Fred W. Fox in blue ink.

Tribal Secretary, Fred W. Fox
Tribal Business Council

Handwritten signature of Mark N. Fox in blue ink.

Chairman, Mark N. Fox
Tribal Business Council