



**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 2023 through 2025.”

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 Tribes (or “Tribes”) 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 act in the bests of the health, safety, and welfare of the Tribes and the enrolled members thereof, including with regard to the long-term care for Tribal elderly; and

WHEREAS, Long-term care is 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 are an emerging unmet need in Indian Country, and

WHEREAS The North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii National Resource Centers on Native Aging have been awarded grants through the Administration on Aging (AOA), Department of Health & Human Services, to provide technical assistance on the health and social needs of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elderly and to 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 elder health care needs as follows:

- General Health Status
- Activities of Daily Living
- Screening
- Visual, Hearing, and Dental
- Memory and Disability
- Health Care Access
- Tobacco and Alcohol Use
- Nutrition, Exercise, and Excess Weight



- Social Support/Housing
- Social Functioning
- Demographics; and

WHEREAS In addition to providing technical assistance, North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii 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 North Dakota, Alaska, and Hawaii 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 tribes/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 on a secure server
- 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; and

WHEREAS, Summary information from the Tribes' needs assessment, along with a national comparison report from all the needs assessments, will be returned to the Tribal Business Council and to the designated local contact person; and

WHEREAS, The confidentiality of enrolled members and Tribal/consortium information is of the utmost importance; therefore, the information in the needs assessment will be collected anonymously by Tribal members with the information securely stored at a University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine & Health Sciences location for the time period outlined in UND's current Records and Retention Schedule.



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


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 15th day of December, 2022, 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 [X] Voting. [] Not Voting.

Dated this 15th day of December, 2022.

ATTEST:



Tribal Secretary, Fred Fox
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes



Tribal Chairman, Mark Fox
Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes