

Appendix A

Sample Tribal Resolution

Resolution #

Tribe

A resolution authorizing the establishment of a Tribal Coordinating Committee and to Develop and Implement a Tribal Action Plan for a Comprehensive Prevention and Treatment Program for Alcoholism and Other Substance Abuse.

WHEREAS, the Business Committee of the _____ Tribe met in a special meeting held the _____ th day of _____, 20____, there being a quorum present, and

WHEREAS, the Business Committee is authorized by the Constitution and Laws of then _____ Tribe to act on behalf of the Tribe, and

WHEREAS, the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment Act of 1986, as amended by the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010, proclaims alcoholism, addiction, and alcohol and substance abuse are among the most severe public health and safety problems facing American Indian and Alaska Native individuals, families, and communities, resulting in devastating social, economic, physical, mental and spiritual consequences, and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs officials publicly acknowledge that alcohol and substance abuse among Indians is the most serious health and social problem facing Indian people, and

WHEREAS, Congress declared that the Federal government has a historical relationship and unique legal and moral responsibilities which include the treaty, statutory, and historical obligation to assist Indian Tribes to meet the health and social needs of their members, and

WHEREAS, Congress declared that Indian Tribes have the primary responsibility for protecting and ensuring the well-being of their members and are providing resources to assist Indian Tribes in meeting that responsibility, and

WHEREAS, the _____ Tribe finds that alcoholism and other substance abuse affects the physical, mental, social spiritual, and economic wellbeing of Tribal members and other Indians living within the _____ Tribal jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the _____ Tribe elects to join the Federal government to combat the damaging effects of alcoholism and other substance abuse, and to recognize the intent of the Memorandum of Agreement, and

WHEREAS, the _____ Tribe authorizes the establishment of a Tribal Coordinating Committee which shall, at a minimum, have as members a Tribal representative

who shall serve as Chairman and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Agency and Bureau of Indian Education Superintendants, where appropriate, and the Indian Health Service Chief Executive Officer, or their representative, the Office of Justice Programs, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Coordinating Committee is provided full Business Committee support with the authority to develop and implement a Tribal Action Plan; have the responsibility for on-going review and evaluation of, and making recommendations to the Tribe relating to the Tribal Action Plan; have the responsibility for scheduling Federal, Tribal, or other personnel for training in the prevention and treatment of alcohol and substance abuse among Indians; to identify and address problems that arise concerning service coordination; and incorporate minimum standards for this program and services which it encompasses, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Tribal Action Plan shall be to coordinate a comprehensive prevention and treatment program for alcoholism and other substance abuse and will include not only existing resources, but will identify the additional resources necessary to combat these problems, and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs have identified major areas of common interest in health promotion and disease prevention as youth alcohol and drug abuse, nutrition, curricula development for health promotion and disease prevention, training for community health representatives, health aides, Tribal judges, law enforcement personnel, education and social service personnel, youth suicide, child abuse and neglect, teen pregnancy, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, the Tribe charges the Tribal Coordinating Committee to prioritize services to Indian youth in the development of the Tribal Action Plan.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Tribe has prioritized alcoholism and substance abuse prevention and treatment as a primary issue to deal with, and has directed that a comprehensive program in compliance with the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986, P.L. 99-570, be developed to address the needs of Tribal members and other Indians living within the Tribal jurisdiction.

Certification

WE, _____, Principal Chief and, Secretary/Treasurer of the Tribe do hereby certify that Resolution # _____ is true and exact as approved by the Business Committee in a special called meeting held _____ Reservation, in the city of _____, in the state of _____ on the _____ day of _____, 20____ by a vote of _____ yes and _____ no.

, Principal Chief
Tribe

, Secretary/Treasurer
Tribe