

**TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO.** [REDACTED] *(enter the number/designation here)*

**Authorizes** [REDACTED] *(enter the name of your tribe here)* **Participation in Nation-wide Elder Maltreatment Survey**

**WHEREAS,** [REDACTED] *(enter the name of your tribal government here)*

**WHEREAS,** the prevalence of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation concerns are developing issues among tribal communities, is an increasing unmet need in tribal communities; and,

**WHEREAS,** the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative (NIEJI) Program has received funding through the Administration for Community Living (ACL), to provide technical assistance, generate awareness about elder abuse policy development, and infrastructure building for reporting, investigating, and intervention for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elderly and assist these groups in conducting a survey assessment; and,

**WHEREAS,** in addition to providing technical assistance, the funding to the NIEJI Program is expected to research and disseminate the results of the research, and

**WHEREAS,** The NIEJI Program are asking Tribes throughout the nation to volunteer to participate in a partnership arrangement, to identify elder maltreatment issues of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elders nationwide, in which the NIEJI Program and the Tribe/consortium will each assume responsibilities:

What the NIEJI Program will provide:

- Native Elder Maltreatment Survey
- Assistance in sampling
- Training of interviewers via email or telephone
- Consultation with interviewers via email or telephone
- Data entry and analysis
- Data storage
- Production of tables and comparisons with national statistics

What each Tribe/consortium will provide:

- A Tribal Resolution documenting participation with Native Elder Maltreatment survey as applicable
- An estimated number of elders (participants) to interview
- Volunteer interviewers to conduct the survey
- Development of recommendations for actions
- Dissemination of the results of tribal leaders and health officials

**WHEREAS,** Summary information from your elder maltreatment survey, along with a national comparison report, will be returned to the governing council and to the local contact person; and,

**WHEREAS,** the confidentiality of enrolled members and Tribal/consortium information is of the utmost importance; therefore, the information in this survey will be collected anonymously by tribal members with the information stored at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences within a locked file cabinet and destroyed after a period of three years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the [REDACTED] (*enter the name of your tribal government here*) hereby authorizes participation in the “Native Elder Maltreatment Survey.” The Tribal Council grants permission to the National Indigenous Elder Justice Initiative Program at Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota to use all collected needs assessment information in an aggregate format for the purpose of disseminating state, regional, and national results from analyses of the data.