

**Tribal Resolution Template for National American Indian and Alaska Native Suicide
Hope for Life Day**

**(Tribe)
Resolution # _____**

A resolution to support and recognize National American Indian and Alaska Native Suicide Prevention **Hope for Life Day**, September 10, 20__.

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Tribe met in a meeting held the ___ day of ___, 20__, there being a quorum present, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by the Constitution and Laws of the Tribe to act on behalf of the Tribe, and

WHEREAS, the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention American Indian and Alaska Native task force provides information and a toolkit for **Hope for Life Day** to increase public awareness and support current suicide prevention and education efforts targeting Native communities,

WHEREAS, the purpose of **Hope for Life Day** is to change the conversation as a call to action for suicide prevention by promoting hope, life, cultural resiliency, and community transformation.

WHEREAS, **Hope for Life Day** aims to help bridge generational gaps within Native communities, foster community partnerships, and bolster national, regional and community-level efforts to prevent suicide in Indian Country.

WHEREAS, **Hope for Life Day** celebrates the leadership efforts of our youth and community advocates, celebrates Native cultures and traditional values, and supports the cultivation of resilience and community strengths to create a pathway towards reducing suicide in Indian communities,

WHEREAS, there is potential for a great increases of suicide attempts among American Indian and Alaska Native people, as evidenced by the existence of significant risk co-factors such as high prevalence of poverty, social stigma, high substance abuse rates, and intergenerational trauma.

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service publicly acknowledges that suicide and related behavioral health issues among American Indians and Alaska Native peoples are a serious health and social problem facing Indian people, and

WHEREAS, the status of suicide among American Indian and Alaska Native people is a public health crisis that requires a focused national effort as well as a Tribal effort to bring attention to the awareness, prevention, treatment, and postvention needs of Indigenous people and to raise awareness of Tribal

leaders, community members, health practitioners, American public, and federal leaders, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of national suicide awareness day dedicated to honing in on the effects and impacts of suicide on our American Indian and Alaska Native people would significantly advance the effort to prevent and treat this burgeoning epidemic in our communities, and

WHEREAS, the Tribe finds that suicide and related behavioral health issues affect the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and economic well-being of Tribal members and other Indians living within the Tribal jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the Tribe elects to join other Tribes, Tribal organizations, the Indian Health Service, and national partners and allies to combat suicide and raise awareness of its impacts on American Indian and Alaska Native people, and

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes that September 10, 20__ has been designated National American Indian and Alaska Native **Hope for Life Day**, and

WHEREAS, events and coordinated efforts will be undertaken on September 10, 20__ in Tribal and urban Indian communities across the country to raise awareness of suicide, bolster suicide prevention and treatment efforts, and mobilize our communities to support one another as Indian people, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribe has prioritized suicide awareness, prevention, treatment, and postvention as a primary health and public health issue to deal with, and has directed that September 10, 20__ be recognized as National American Indian and Alaska Native Hope for Life Day.

Certification

We, _____, Principal Chief and _____, Secretary/Treasurer of the _____ Tribe do hereby certify that Resolution #_____ is true and exact as approved by the Tribal Council in a meeting held on _____ 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