

Resolution format sample...Letterhead/logo....Date of resolution and number...

Whereas, the _____(tribe/nation) (standard text)...

Whereas, the _____(tribe/nation) holds its (governing body) as the entity entrusted to establish programs and services for the betterment of the tribal community and its membership.

Whereas, the _____ (tribe/nation) strives to be aware of the devastating effects of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking upon the victims, families, and even the perpetrators of this violence, as they live in the community together; the (governing body) not only supports the critical need for effective and responsive services for members of the community, but also efforts to bring healing and reparation to the community.

Whereas, the _____(tribe/nation) by supporting the activities and programs of the WomenSpirit Coalition acknowledges the epidemic of violence (1 in 3 Native women experience domestic violence at the hands of someone they love) in our communities. This assault strikes at the heart of all Native people and communities, especially those that are vulnerable, elderly, the young and for those victims unable to advocate for their own needs.

Whereas, the _____ (tribe//nation) recognizes that all members of this and other Native communities should be afforded the right to live violence free. To not be terrorized and assaulted in their own homes and with the preservation of these basic Human Rights comes a responsibility to act out of courage and boldness in advocating for victims and survivors, children who witness violence and the elderly.

Whereas, the _____ (tribe/nation) joins together with other peace seeking and advocacy efforts to bring awareness, education, advocacy training services, family violence prevention and healing practices to the _____ peoples of this community.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the _____(tribe/nation) hereby declares its support of WomenSpirit Coalition, its staff, its programs and projects, as they promote safety and accountability for crimes against Native women and children.

Be It Further Resolved, the _____(tribe/nation) hereby is considered a Member in good standing of the Washington State Native American Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault-WomenSpirit Coalition.

Certification

I, the undersigned, as the _____ of the _____(tribe/nation) do hereby certify that the (org) that is comprised of _____governing members and ...on this date....by an affirmative vote of _____adopt this resolution.