

**UNITED TRIBES OF NORTH DAKOTA  
RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-9- 4**

***Resolution Entitled: Support for a request to ND state legislature for \$6 million in annual funding to provide Tribal tourism grants for the five Tribal Nations with a presence in North Dakota***

- WHEREAS,** United Tribes of North Dakota ("United Tribes") is an association of the five federally recognized Tribes located in North Dakota, each of which has a government-to-government relationship with the United States established by Treaty, including the Three Affiliated Tribes, the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyaté, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, the Spirit Lake Tribe and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, with a Board of Directors composed of the Chairman and one council member from each member Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** United Tribes exists to assist in furthering the common goals of the North Dakota Indian Tribes and Nations; and
- WHEREAS,** tourism is, according to the Governor of North Dakota and the North Dakota Department of Commerce, the third largest industry in North Dakota after energy and agriculture; and
- WHEREAS,** a significant component of tourism to North Dakota includes visitors to Indian reservations who desire to understand and appreciate that Tribal Nations still exist within the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the North Dakota Tribal Nations are working with the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission to seek funding through the state of North Dakota for promotion of tourism to the Indian reservations in North Dakota, to the extent Tribes are desirous of such tourism; and
- WHEREAS,** the North Dakota Tribal Nations are seeking an appropriation by the state legislature in an amount of \$1 million per Tribe, plus an additional \$1 million for administration per year in the next biennium for the administration of tourism programs that benefit the Tribal Nations in North Dakota; and
- WHEREAS,** Coordination for tourism efforts by the five Tribes in North Dakota will be managed through the Board of Directors of United Tribes of North Dakota, but the grants will be made to the individual Tribal Nations through the state tourism department; and
- WHEREAS,** the North Dakota Tribes will work with the state tourism department and with

the American Indian and Alaska Native Tourism Alliance nationally to assist in promotion of tourism within North Dakota that will benefit the North Dakota Tribal Nations.

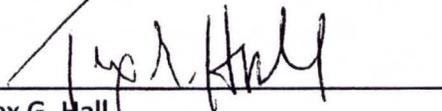
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that United Tribes of North Dakota hereby supports state legislation to be enacted in the 2015 legislative session that will allow the Tribes to acquire grants in an amount up to \$1.2 million per tribe per biennium for the conduct and administration of tourism programs that will benefit the Tribal nations within North Dakota and that will benefit tourism in general in North Dakota, with the understanding that tourism efforts will complement and be part of the tourism efforts of the North Dakota tourism department; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that United Tribes of North Dakota hereby urges its member Tribes to support tourism activities for all the Tribes in North Dakota; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be the policy of United Tribes of North Dakota until otherwise amended or rescinded, or until the policy objective of this Resolution is accomplished.

**CERTIFICATION**

As Chairman of the Board of Directors of United Tribes of North Dakota, I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed at a meeting of the United Tribes of North Dakota Board of Directors at which a quorum was present, held on the 5th day of September, 2014, in Bismarck, North Dakota, with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 not present.



Tex G. Hall  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
United Tribes of North Dakota

ATTEST:



Richard McClaud

Acting Secretary, Board of Directors  
United Tribes of North Dakota