

OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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RESOLUTION NO. 24- 132

OF THE

7/9/2024

OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

RE: OPIOID ABATEMENT SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS: The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian tribe, organized under a constitution and bylaws approved by the Secretary of Interior on April 30, 1936, pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; and

WHEREAS: pursuant to Article III, Sec.1 of the constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the governing body of the Omaha Tribe shall also be known as Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS: Article IV, Section 1 (j) of the Constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska provides the Omaha Tribal Council with the power to safeguard and promote the economy and general welfare of the Omaha Tribe; and

WHEREAS: Omaha Tribal Council, pursuant to Article IV, (Dj), has the Responsibility to safeguard, promote and enforce the peace, economy, safety, law and order, and general welfare of the Tribe and the Omaha Reservation; and

WHEREAS: Tribal Opioid Settlements resulting from lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers have been determined and can provide crucial funds to federally recognized tribes for addressing the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS: the Omaha Tribe has received about \$500,000 in Settlement funds thus far and these funds can be utilized for opioid epidemic abatement and prevention on the Omaha Reservation; and

WHEREAS: in 2023, the Omaha Tribal Council passed a Tribal Resolution to expand the Omaha Tribe's organizational capacity by developing an Omaha Culture and Language Preservation Department for the purposes of preserving and protecting the traditional culture and language of the Umo^oho^o people; and

WHEREAS: the Omaha Culture and Language Preservation Department will develop and implement services and activities designed to teach, enhance the knowledge of, and to influence the use of Umo^oho^o cultural traditions, practices, and language as a means of opioid abatement and prevention; and

WHEREAS: among the many planned services and activities, the Omaha Culture and Language Preservation Department staff will work with partnering tribal programs, public schools, the Nebraska Indian Community College, and community members to develop a Tribal Action Plan devoted to resolving the opioid epidemic on the Omaha Reservation.

WHEREAS: the Family Resource Center has developed a proposal for the Omaha Culture and Language Preservation Department to utilize the Opioid Abatement Settlement Funds that includes a budget of \$410,668 for new staff and to provide cultural services and activities designed to prevent and abate opioid abuse on the Omaha Reservation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Omaha Tribal Council agrees to utilize its share of all Opioid Abatement Settlement Funds to fund the Omaha Culture and Language Preservation Department for the purposes of preventing and abating opioid and other substance abuse on the Omaha Reservation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Omaha Tribal Council formally authorizes the Omaha Culture and Language Preservation Department to take the lead in developing a formal Tribal Action Plan to resolve the opioid epidemic on the Omaha Reservation.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Omaha Tribal Council approves the proposal submitted by the Family Resource Center which includes a budget of \$410,668 to implement the Omaha Culture and Language Preservation Department.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called meeting of the Omaha Tribal Council on the 9th day of July, 2024, and was adopted by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against; 1 abstaining; with the Chairman not voting. A quorum of 6 was present.

MEMBERS VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Jason Sheridan			Abstain
Jerome Hamilton	X		
Dustin Lovejoy	X		
Alan Harlan	X		
Leander Merrick			Absent
Galen Aldrich Sr.	X		
Calvin Harlan	X		

Submitted by:



 Dustin Lovejoy, Secretary
 Omaha Tribal Council

 7/9/24
 Date

Attest:



 Jason Sheridan, Chairman
 Omaha Tribal Council

 Date