

WHEREAS, a collaborative of the 11 sovereign American Indian Tribes in Wisconsin received a national planning grant (2019) and subsequent implementation grants (2010-2022) to develop a Wisconsin Tribal AmeriCorps Project from the Corporation for National Service; and

WHEREAS, the Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community Inc. has served as the fiscal agent for the project since 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community Inc. will be submitting an application in May of 2021 to continue the Tribal AmeriCorps program for years 2019-2022 (start date September 1, 2021); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal State Collaboration for Positive Change (TSCPC) is a collaborative consisting of behavioral health professionals from all 11 Wisconsin Tribes and Wisconsin Department of Health Services working to integrate prevention and treatment services has and will continue to serve as the Tribal Advisory Board for the Tribal AmeriCorps Program; and

WHEREAS, Kim Swisher Communications, LLC., has and will continue to provide all programmatic leadership for the project under the guidance of the fiscal agent and the Tribal AmeriCorps Program Tribal Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community Inc., a grassroots organization with a strong history of serving Tribes in northern Wisconsin will continue as the fiscal agent for the Tribal AmeriCorps Program; and

WHEREAS, the Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) corporation chartered by the state of Wisconsin and is not considered a "Tribal organization" by the Corporation for National and Community Service; and

WHEREAS, the (TRIBE) has previously passed a Resolution of Support for the Tribal AmeriCorps Program; and passage of a Tribal Resolution of Support is a Tribal AmeriCorps Program requirement for Wisconsin Tribes to be eligible to receive AmeriCorps members in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal AmeriCorps Program works with Tribal substance abuse prevention coalitions and Tribal programs to recruit local Tribal AmeriCorps Members to build capacity to prevent and reduce substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, Tribal AmeriCorps Members will serve 35 hours per week (on average for full time Members) with their local prevention coalitions or Tribal programs to incorporate traditional cultural wellness practices with evidence-based practices and strategies to prevent and reduce substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal AmeriCorps Program provides full time Members serving a full year of service a living allowance of \$14,274 and an educational stipend of \$6,000 which can be used towards college, vocational school or to pay off student loans; and

WHEREAS, the cash match for each Tribal AmeriCorps Member of \$4,500 may come from a variety of sources business underwriters, local donors, partners, Tribal general funds, other federal grants with approval of the granting agency, other sources your community coalition so chooses); now,

THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, by this Council, in Regular Session assembled, hereby recognizes Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community, Inc., as a "Tribal organization" and authorizes Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community, Inc., to act on behalf of and include the (TRIBE) in the Tribal AmeriCorps Program CNCS grant program for the purpose of conducting the activities and providing the services described in the application; be it further

RESOLVED, that the (TRIBE) supports continuing participation in the Tribal AmeriCorps Program for the Tribes of Wisconsin for program years 2019-2022, which will continue to focus on addressing the significant substance abuse prevention needs of Tribal communities; be it further

RESOLVED, that the (TRIBE) hereby authorizes the Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community, Inc., to sign all necessary documents as fiscal agent in furtherance of the Tribal AmeriCorps Program.

CERTIFICATION