

RESOLUTION #BIBL-08-08-08

Title: Supporting Indian owned businesses, artisans and gatherers, and Urging Member Nations and its Citizens to Buy Indian/Buy Local

WHEREAS, we, the citizens of our tribal nations, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Indian nations, rights secured under Indian treaties and agreements with the United States, and all other rights to which we are entitled under the laws and the Constitution of the United States, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people and their way of being, to preserve Indian cultural values and languages, and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of our tribal nations, representative of the following Sovereign Nation(s) of; (Insert Tribal Nation Name) and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to support citizen owned businesses, artisans and gatherers, and to support the “Buy Indian/Buy Local Act” enabling tribal economic growth to continue and expand; and

WHEREAS, the state of the United States economy, with high unemployment, low interest rates, limited economic productivity; and prospective record budget deficits, calls for a united front by all tribal citizens, tribal governments, and tribal enterprises to support and buy from citizen owned businesses, artisans and gatherers, so that the revenues and profits are reinvested in Indian communities; and

WHEREAS, the Sovereign Nation(s) of (Insert Tribal Nation Name) recognize that private business development and entrepreneurship often take a “back seat” in Tribal economic development strategic planning. Furthermore, recognize its citizens in the private business sector form the backbone of vibrant and robust free enterprise economies within our nations.

WHEREAS, urging the use of its tribal citizens, first, who are Indian owned businesses, artisans and gatherers serves the best interest of member nations, tribal citizens, tribal economies and surrounding economies and communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sovereign Nation(s) of (Insert Tribal Nation Name) does hereby support and urges its member tribes and tribal citizens to support Indian owned businesses, artisans and gatherers through the following manner:

1. Commit to Buy Indian and Buy Local first;

2. The Sovereign Nation(s) of (Insert Tribal Nation Name) will buy from its citizen owned businesses, artisans and gatherers such items that embody the cultural heritage of the tribal nation and gift such items to visiting dignitaries;
3. The Sovereign Nation(s) of (Insert Tribal Nation Name) will promote and encourage purchase of items provided by its citizen owned businesses, artisans and gatherers to other such agencies as the Minnesota Governor's office, Minnesota US Congress/Senate and US Embassy commercial attachés' working on behalf of US business interests worldwide;
4. The Sovereign Nation(s) of (Insert Tribal Nation Name) will post all RFP's for purchases of products and services on their web sites and make these purchases public to their citizens first;
5. The Sovereign Nation(s) of (Insert Tribal Nation Name) commit to increase their Buy Indian/Buy Local purchases by 10% per year and publish the results of these purchases for their citizens;
6. The Sovereign Nation(s) of (Insert Tribal Nation Name) will cause a publication to be created not only to identify, but promote all their tribal citizens living within the nation boundaries and off that are citizen owned businesses, artisans and gatherers, to be distributed within the nation and when traveling on Nation business;
7. The Sovereign Nation(s) of (Insert Tribal Nation Name) will cause a link to be created on their websites listing all their tribal citizens living within the nation boundaries and off that are citizen owned businesses, artisans and gatherers to further promote their citizens and expand their markets to member nations, tribal citizens, tribal economies, and surrounding economies and communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be policy of the Sovereign Nation(s) of (Insert Tribal Nation Name) until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted 2009 of _____, _____ by the following Tribal Council(s):

(Nation Name)

(Nation Seal and date)