

United Tribes of Michigan

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United Tribes of Michigan supports Affiliation with the National Tribal Emergency Management Council for Purposes of Mutual Aid and Coordination in Emergencies

WHEREAS, the membership of United Tribes of Michigan (UTM) is open to all of the twelve federally recognized tribes located in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the organization provides a forum for the Tribes in Michigan to address issues of common concern and is committed to join forces to advance, protect, preserve and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty, and cultural way of life of the sovereign Indian Tribes of Michigan throughout the next seven generations; and

WHEREAS, UTM accepts the mission to engage, as a matter of mutual concern, issues that impact the health, security, safety, and general welfare of Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, the National Tribal Emergency Management Council (NTEMC) represents the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI), a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and Tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska as well as other tribal organizations including the Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council (NWTEMC) and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, NTEMC has developed a plan incorporating the recent changes to the Stafford Act allowing tribal governments to request declarations of states of emergencies directly from the President; and

WHEREAS, NTEMC, ATNI and NWTEMC are reaching out to other regional tribal organizations and individual tribes to build a stronger alliance for mutual aid and coordination in times of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the health and welfare of the citizens of Michigan tribes will be better protected in times of emergencies by a strong national network of tribal governments and regional tribal organizations working together to share resources and expertise.

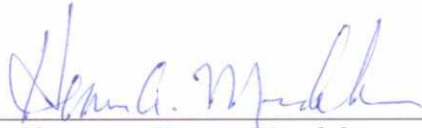
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that United Tribes of Michigan endorses the efforts of the National Tribal Emergency Management Council (NTEMC) to establish a system of inter-tribal cooperation and mutual support during emergencies, disasters, or any other incident that occurs in which emergency assistance is needed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that UTM endorses the NTEMC work with the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and any other federal or state agency, at the request and/or permission of the affected tribe(s) in order to meet the emergency management criteria for a disaster declared under the provisions of the amended "Stafford Act," or through any other methodology for declared emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that UTM support is contingent on the Michigan Tribes having a voice in all issues and a fair and equitable share in all resources that may come out of this initiative; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that such coordination would include representation at state, and/or federal emergency management departments to expedite support to affiliated Tribal governments.

Adopted by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, at a meeting of the United Tribes of Michigan held on February 26, 2014, Lansing, MI.



Chairman Homer Mandoka
UTM President



Chairman Fred Kiogima
UTM Secretary