

# *United Tribes of Michigan*

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## **RESOLUTION # 039 10-14-2015**

### **United Tribes of Michigan support for Uniting Three Fires Against Violence**

**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**, Native Americans suffer from much higher rates of domestic and sexual violence than any other population in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Uniting Three Fires Against Violence is a non-profit tribal coalition against domestic and sexual violence established in 2009 whose mission is to support Michigan Tribes in promoting the social change necessary to address the disproportionate rates of violence impacting our communities ; and

**WHEREAS**, In support of their mission, Uniting Three Fires Against Violence provides free training and technical assistance to Tribes, tribal programs and programs that serve tribal members to increase their capacity and ability to respond to incidents of domestic and sexual violence in their communities ; and

**WHEREAS**, Uniting Three Fires Against Violence is seeking Letters and/or Resolutions of Support.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the United Tribes of Michigan supports the mission of Uniting Three Fires Against Violence and their efforts to end domestic and sexual violence in our tribal Nations.

*Adopted by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, at a meeting of the United Tribes of Michigan held on October 14, 2015.*



*Chairman Homer A. Mandoka  
UTM President*