**TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE PRESERVATION RESOLUTION TEMPLATE**

Resolution No.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE (insert name of tribal council)

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH LOCAL AND NATIONAL POLICY PROTECTION FOR INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has the authorities and duty to protect the health, security and general welfare of the (insert tribe name); and

WHEREAS, we affirm that Indigenous peoples of the world have the right to self-determination, and in exercising that right must be recognized as the exclusive owners of their traditional knowledge and biological resources; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that Indigenous peoples have a commonality of experiences relating to the exploitation of their indigenous knowledge and biological resources; and

WHEREAS, we note that public and private research projects sometimes fail to carry out direct and meaningful consultation with the Tribal Council before initiating or implementing their projects;

WHEREAS, we note that existing protection mechanisms are insufficient for the protection of tribal collective and human rights, traditional knowledge, and biological resources; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE (insert name of tribal council) to initiate the process of establishing a regulatory framework to oversee and control research activities within the tribe’s jurisdiction;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal Council network with other tribal leaders to institute and strengthen policy protections within the appropriate federal agencies at the federal level.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the (insert tribe name) on the (date), with a vote of \_\_\_ for, \_\_\_ opposed, and \_\_\_ not voting, pursuant to the authority vested in it by Article \_\_\_, Section \_\_\_, of the Tribal Constitution and Bylaws; said Constitution adopted and approved under Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended.

Signed,

Chairman of the Tribal Council

Attest:

Executive Secretary