
GREAT PLAINS TRIBAL CHAIRMAN'S ASSOCIATION

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Resolution No. 19-09-06-07

RESOLUTION OF THE GREAT PLAINS TRIBAL CHAIRMAN'S ASSOCIATION (GPTCA)

Re: ENDORSE NATIVE AMERICAN NATURAL FOODS NEW PRODUCT "THE TANKA BAR".

The purpose of this Resolution is to endorse Native American Natural Foods new product the "Tanka Bar" (based on traditional wasna) which provides a healthier food snack for a healthier lifestyle.

Diabetes is at epidemic proportions. Death due to cardiovascular complications, which is secondary to diabetes, is the major cause of death among our Native American people. Promoting healthier eating and lifestyle is a focus of Native American Natural Foods and the new Tanka Bar.

WHEREAS, the Great Plains (formerly Aberdeen Area) Tribal Chairman's Association (GPTCA) is composed of the elected Chairs and Presidents of the Sovereign Indian Tribes and Nations recognized by Treaties with the United States that are within the Great Plains Region of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association was formed to promote the common interests of the sovereign Tribes and Nations and their members of the Great Plains Region; and

WHEREAS, the United States has obligated itself both through Treaties entered into with the sovereign Tribes and Nations of the Great Plains Region and through its own federal statutes, the Snyder Act of 1921 as amended, the Indian Self-Determination Act of 1976 as amended, and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 1976 as amended; and

WHEREAS, The sovereign Tribes and Nation of the GPTCA traditionally has placed the highest regard on the health of our Native nations, people and communities

WHEREAS, The GPTCA upholds the right and freedom of the people to be respected, honored and protected with a healthy physical and mental environment, and,

WHEREAS, Diabetes has emerged in American Indian communities as a serious and costly public health crisis, and

WHEREAS, In 2004, the Indian Health Service data indicated the number of AI/AN aged under 35 years with diabetes diagnosed through IHS health-care services more than doubled, from 6001 in 1994 to 12,313 in 2004, and

WHEREAS, The prevalence of diagnosed diabetes increased with age; in 2004, ranged from 2.2 per 1000 population among those aged 15 years to 46.8 per 1000 population among those aged 25-34 years; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes can be prevented through culturally appropriate education, changing to healthier diets and moving our muscles/living actively, and

WHEREAS, The Creator gifted “Pte” and “Waskuyeca” as sacred food gifts and medicine to Native People, keeping us well and healthy when they were a part of our daily diet, and

WHEREAS, The Native American Natural Foods Co. has developed a USDA approved way of packaging “Wasna” to make it available as a healthier snack for Native people, especially for diabetes prevention and food medicine for those of our people living with diabetes, and

WHEREAS, Native food producers who have buffalo herds and grow berries, will themselves benefit economically, along with the Native people who will be working in packaging and distribution, making “Tanka Bar” an all-around benefit to all.

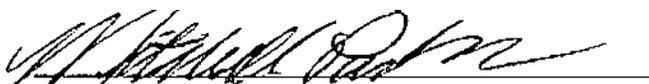
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the GPTCA endorses Native American Natural Foods And the new product the Tanka Bar as an alternative snack product to Promote healthier eating habits and lifestyles

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the GPTCA highly recommends all agencies and organizations, programs to use the “Tanka Bar” as a healthy snack alternative whenever possible.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was enacted at a duly called meeting of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Association held at Bismarck, ND on Sept. 6, 2007 at which a quorum was present, with 8 members voting in favor, 0 members opposed, 0 members not abstaining, and 8 members not present.

Dated this 6th day of Sept. 2007.


**Secretary, Mitchell Parker, Chairman, Omaha Tribe
Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Association**


**Chairman, Ron His Horse Is Thunder, Chairman, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Association**