

# Sample MAT Tribal Resolution

Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe

A resolution authorizing the establishment of a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program for Opioid Use Disorder.

WHEREAS, American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people have higher drug and opioid overdose mortality rates compared to other racial/ethnic groups in the US, and

WHEREAS, from 2012-2016, the age-adjusted death rate from drug overdose among AI/AN in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington was 2.3 times higher than the rate among non-AI/AN, and the rate of opioid overdose was 2.7 times higher; and the rate of opioid overdose among AI/AN has increased 46.3% from 2006 to 2016 whereas the rate among non-AI/AN in the region decreased, and

WHEREAS, MAT is an effective evidence-based approach to recovery for people with opioid use disorder, especially when used in conjunction with other tools like cultural and other behavioral interventions, and

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe finds that opioid use disorder affects the wellbeing of Tribal members and other American Indian and Alaska Native people living within the \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe elects to establish a MAT Program to combat the damaging effects of opioid use disorder, and

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe authorizes the establishment of a MAT Program which shall, at a minimum, use medications in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies to treat opioid use disorders (OUD) and help people to sustain recovery, and

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Clinic has the authority to develop and implement a MAT Program; has the responsibility for on-going review and evaluation of, and making recommendations to the Tribe relating to the MAT Program; has the responsibility for scheduling Federal, Tribal, or other personnel for training in the prevention and treatment of substance use disorders; to identify and address problems that arise concerning service coordination; and incorporate minimum standards for this program and services which it encompasses, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the MAT Program shall be to coordinate a comprehensive prevention and treatment for opioid use disorder and will include not only existing resources, but will identify the additional resources necessary to combat these problems, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the \_\_\_\_\_ Tribe has prioritized opioid use disorder prevention and treatment as a primary issue to deal with, and has directed that a comprehensive MAT Program be developed to address the needs of Tribal members and other Indians living within the \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal jurisdiction.