

**METHAMPHETAMINE AND SUICIDE
PREVENTION INITIATIVE (MSPI)**
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**Letter Template to Request Tribal Leaders to Draft and Sponsor a Tribal
Resolution**

(Date)

(Name)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip)

Dear (Name of Leader):

As a leader in our community, I am sure you are aware of the impact that suicide, has had on our community in recent years, especially suicide that has taken place amongst our youth. Suicide continues to be a leading cause of death among American Indian and Alaska Native people of all ages. (State some local statistics or a poignant local story or quote from a Tribal member about the impact of suicide locally).

Because of this, (name of department, program or Tribe) has chosen to take proactive steps to promote suicide awareness and prevention efforts. We would like to ask you and other Tribal leaders to elevate your voice and partner with us in these efforts.

September 10, 20__ has been designated National American Indian and Alaska Native Suicide Awareness Day. This is a national effort being led by a national coalition of concerned community members and organizations that want to see our communities reclaim our health, and alter the growing numbers of suicides amongst our people. This is a day to refocus and rekindle our ongoing suicide awareness, prevention and treatment efforts here within (name of Tribe) Tribe.

To honor this day, including the people that work in suicide prevention and treatment and those that have been impacted by suicide personally, as well as to expand the reach of our outreach and educational efforts, we would like to formally and cordially request that you, as a member of Tribal leadership, sponsor a Tribal resolution in support of this day and our local efforts. We feel that (describe how you feel that a Tribal resolution would specifically benefit local efforts).

We understand that you are extremely busy and we are happy to meet with you or members of your staff to discuss the local suicide problem, the local and national issues, and the Awareness Day with you. We have also prepared a resolution template that you can use to draft a resolution for (name of Tribe) Tribe. We know that this process can sometimes take a while; we were hoping to begin now so that we can have the resolution by (date of when the resolution is needed) to share and celebrate the Tribal resolution widely.

Please feel free to respond to (name of point of contact) at (email or phone number). We can also share other plans and opportunities for your involvement in our Awareness Day activities. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

(Name of Event Chair, Project Manager, or Department Chair)
(Title)