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Dear Members of the FDPIR Methodology Funding Work Group:

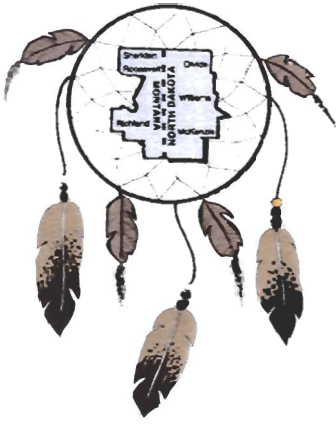
Responses toward the funding formula;

1. Trenton Indian Service Area cannot support the Methodology Funding Formula. This formula would create a decrease in funding for our service area. In the last ten years TISA has had to entirely cut travel because of mandatory cuts by USDA. Also Within the last two years USDA has not given efficient amount of money for daily operations. TISA has had unexpected cost for equipment such as a computer. How can USDA ask TISA to support a new funding formula which will decrease our already under funded budget? This leaves us to believe that instead of helping the Food Distribution Program you would rather diminish the program. TISA'S recommendation is that USDA is to honor the treaty which provides adequate administrative funding for the Food Distribution Program.
2. TISA is a small tribe and in no circumstances should number of participation be a factor in a funding formula.
3. USDA needs to take in account of the uniqueness of each tribe, no one tribe is the same. In-direct cost rates are not the same, tailgating, home delivery service, rural and urban areas all of this has to be taken in consideration. USDA needs to work one on one or government to government to fine the best solutions which can enhances the Food Distribution Program.
4. It should be mandatory that this funding work group have tribal representation.

I urge USDA to continue to work on finding other solutions to this funding formula.

Sincerely;

Walt Moran, Chairman
Trenton Indian Service Area



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RESOLUTION NUMBER 03-05-07-01 OF THE DULY ELECTED AND CERTIFIED GOVERNING BODY OF THE TRENTON INDIAN SERVICE AREA

- WHEREAS,** the Trenton Indian Service Area (TISA) pursuant to the Act of Apr. 21, 1904, 58 P.L. 125 (1904); Snyder Act, 25 U.S.C. § 13 (1921); Johnson O'Malley Act, 25 U.S.C. §§ 452 – 457 (1934); S. Rep. No. 93-1069, at 16 (1974); 25 U.S.C. § 1680e (1976); Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, 93 Pub. L 638, 88 Stat. 2203 (1975); 25 U.S.C 450b (e) & (l) organized & authorized to contract for funds the Secretary receives to be administered to Indians because of their status as Indians; and
- WHEREAS,** the Trenton Indian Service Area lies within the northwest corner of North Dakota and northeast corner of Montana, which consists of a total of six counties; and
- WHEREAS,** the Food Distribution Program continues to be one of the greatly needed programs of the Trenton Indian Service Area in developing the social, economic, health and welfare of its service area; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service has proposed the implementation of an Administrative Mythology Funding Formula for the Food Distribution Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed funding formula will eliminate the rights of the Trenton Indian Service Area to consult and negotiate funding for the Food Distribution Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed funding formula does not take in consideration of the unique differences of each tribe, such as tail gating, indirect cost, salaries, rural population, and urban population; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

The Trenton Indian Service Area through its Tribal Council is opposing any proposed plan to decrease or diminish the treaty of the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service to negotiate funding for the Food Distribution Program with Trenton Indian Service Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

The Trenton Indian Service Area through its Tribal Council opposes USDA implementing of any Funding Formula without prior approval of the Trenton Indian Service Area.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Secretary Treasurer of the Trenton Indian Service Area, do hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of (7) members, of whom 4 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called, convened and held on the 5th day of March, 2007 and the foregoing resolution was adopted by a vote of 3 members in favor, to 0 members opposing and the Chairperson (voting, not voting).

Elaine Lee
Elaine Lee, Secretary/Treasurer

03-05-07
Date

CONCUR:

Walt Moran
Walt Moran, Chairman

3-05-07
Date