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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA
NATIVE SERVICES

Chartering a Boys & Girls Club in Indian Country

Sample Tribal Resolution

[Insert Tribal Letterhead or Logo]

TRIBAL RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE _____ TRIBAL COUNCIL RECOGNIZING ALL ENROLLED TRIBAL YOUTH AS HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE _____ BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

WHEREAS,

The _____ Tribe is a federally recognized sovereign Tribal Nation dedicated to promoting the health, education, safety, cultural identity, and overall well-being of its children and youth; and

WHEREAS,

The _____ Boys & Girls Club serves as a safe, positive place where young people can learn, grow, build leadership skills, strengthen academic success, engage in cultural activities, and develop healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS,

The Tribal Council recognizes that all enrolled Tribal youth are valued citizens of the Nation and that each young person deserves access to supportive opportunities that strengthen their connection to community, culture, and future success; and

WHEREAS,

The Tribe desires to strengthen collaboration between Tribal government, families, community partners, and the Boys & Girls Club to ensure all youth have access to quality youth development programs; and

WHEREAS,

Recognizing enrolled Tribal youth as Honorary Members of the Boys & Girls Club affirms the Tribe's commitment to supporting youth development and encourages participation in programs and services that benefit Tribal young people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The _____ Tribal Council hereby recognizes all enrolled Tribal youth, ages _____ through _____, as Honorary Members of the _____ Boys & Girls Club.
2. Honorary Membership serves as a symbolic recognition of each enrolled Tribal youth's valued place within the Boys & Girls Club community and supports access to Club opportunities, programs, events, and youth development resources, consistent with Club policies and available resources.
3. The Tribal Council encourages Tribal families, departments, schools, and community partners to promote participation in Boys & Girls Club programs that contribute to positive youth outcomes.

4. Nothing in this Resolution shall diminish the sovereignty of the Tribe or the authority of the Boys & Girls Club to establish operational policies necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of all youth participants.
5. The Tribal Council encourages continued collaboration between the Tribe and the Boys & Girls Club to incorporate Tribal culture, language, traditions, and values into youth programming whenever possible.
6. The Tribal Council directs appropriate Tribal departments to work cooperatively with the Boys & Girls Club to identify opportunities that increase participation by Tribal youth and strengthen support for youth development initiatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the _____ Tribal Council affirms its commitment to investing in the future of Tribal children and youth and recognizes participation in positive youth development programs as an important pathway toward healthy, thriving communities and future Tribal leadership.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned officers of the _____ Tribe, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly presented and adopted by the _____ Tribal Council at a duly called meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 20, at which a quorum was present.

Votes For: _____
Votes Against: _____

Sample Tribal Organization Club Members Letter

[Insert Tribal Letterhead or Logo]

Date

Dear Parents and Guardians,
At the **[Tribal Nation Name]**, we are committed to creating opportunities for our Native youth to learn, grow, connect with culture, and build lasting relationships with peers and mentors. We believe every young Native person deserves access to a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment where they can thrive.

To strengthen opportunities for our youth, our **Boys & Girls Club of [Name]** is pleased to recognize all eligible Native youth served by our community as Club members.

Beginning on **[Date]**, all youth ages **5-18 years old** who participate in programs through the our Tribe will be considered eligible members of the Boys & Girls Club and may participate in Club programming, activities, cultural events, leadership opportunities, academic support, and recreation offerings available through the Club.

Parent/Guardian Notification and Consent
If you **do not wish for your child to be included as a Boys & Girls Club member,** please notify us in writing by [Date] by contacting:

[Contact Name]
[Title]
[Phone Number]
[Email Address]

If we do not receive a written opt-out notification by that date, we will consider your child eligible to participate as a Boys & Girls Club member and may include them in membership records for program participation purposes.

Please note that separate parent or guardian authorization may still be required for specific activities such as:

- Field trips
- Transportation services
- Overnight events
- Medical treatment authorization
- Photography or media releases
- Other activities requiring additional permissions

Our goal is to reduce barriers to participation and ensure that every Native young person has the opportunity to benefit from the programs, supports, cultural connections, and positive relationships available through the Boys & Girls Club.

We are honored to serve your family and look forward to supporting the success and well-being of our youth.

With respect,

[Tribal Leaders Name]
[Tribal Naton Name]
[Club Director Name]
Boys & Girls Club Director

Sample Tribal Urban Indian Center Members Letter

[Insert Urban Indian Center Letterhead or Logo]

Date

Dear Parents and Guardians,
At the **[Urban Indian Center Name]**, we are committed to creating opportunities for Native youth to learn, grow, connect with culture, and build lasting relationships with peers and mentors. We believe every Native young person deserves access to a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment where they can thrive.

To strengthen opportunities for our youth, the **[Urban Indian Center Name] Boys & Girls Club** is pleased to recognize all eligible Native youth served by our community as Club members.

Beginning on **[Date]**, all youth ages **[Age Range]** who participate in programs through the Urban Indian Center will be considered eligible members of the Boys & Girls Club and may participate in Club programming, activities, cultural events, leadership opportunities, academic support, and recreation offerings available through the Club.

Parent/Guardian Notification and Consent
If you **do not wish for your child to be included as a Boys & Girls Club member**, please notify us in writing by [Date] by contacting:

[Contact Name]
[Title]
[Phone Number]
[Email Address]

If we do not receive a written opt-out notification by that date, we will consider your child eligible to participate as a Boys & Girls Club member and may include them in membership records for program participation purposes.

Please note that separate parent or guardian authorization may still be required for specific activities such as:

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Our goal is to reduce barriers to participation and ensure that every Native young person has the opportunity to benefit from the programs, supports, cultural connections, and positive relationships available through the Boys & Girls Club.

We are honored to serve your family and look forward to supporting the success and well-being of our youth.

With respect,

[Executive Director Name]
[Urban Indian Center Name]
[Club Director Name]
Boys & Girls Club Director