**TEMPLATE—should be updated annually**

**TRIBE NAME**

**Ethics Policy and Conflict of Interest Statement**

**A. Ethics Policy**

Members of the Tribal Council, staff, contractors, consultants, and volunteers of (tribe name) (“Organization”) shall not participate in personal, financial or business activities which constitute an actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest concerning or relating to the business, operations, management, and other activities of Organization. Members of the Tribal Council, staff, contractors, consultants, and volunteers shall not engage in any conduct or activity that reflects adversely on the integrity or good reputation of the Tribe, or any entity thereof.

**B. Conflict of Interest Statement and Disclosure**

As a Tribal Council member, staff, contractor, consultant, or volunteer, I shall make the following disclosures of actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflict of interest at such time as the events to be disclosed have occurred or are reasonably expected to occur:

(1) All financial, contractual or similar interests, involving myself or my immediate family, with any firm, organization or individual which does business with, is seeking to do business with, or is a competitor of the Organization.

(2) Any employment, whether part-time, full-time or temporary with any person or organization which does business with, is seeking to do business with, or is a competitor of Organization.

(3) The receipt of any gifts from any person or organization doing business or seeking to do business with the Organization.

I have attached to this Ethics Policy and Conflict of Interest Statement a complete written statement of disclosure of any conflict of interest as set out in paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) above. I shall supplement this statement in writing as changes in my circumstances warrant. I understand and agree that even if the existence of a conflict of interest is unclear, I have an affirmative duty to err in favor of full disclosure, and have Administration and the Tribal Council in consultation with Legal Counsel determine the existence of any conflict of interest.

**C. Prohibited Conduct**

I shall not participate in the discussion of any matter that concerns or involves any conflict of interest.

As a Tribal Council member, staff, contractor, consultant, or volunteer, I shall not (a) use any resources under my control for any purpose without the formal approval of Administration, (b) accept any gift or gratuity from any person or organization doing business or seeking to do business with the Organization. I shall immediately disclose to the Tribal Administrator any violation of these prohibitions.

**D. Acknowledgement of Ethics Policy and Conflict of Interest Statement**

As a Tribal Council member, staff, contractor, consultant, or volunteer, I understand, acknowledge and agree to comply with this Ethics Policy and Conflict of Interest Statement. I understand that any violation of this policy shall subject me to such sanctions, including but not limited to removal, termination of employment, termination of contract, legal damages and equitable relief, as are provided by law or policy of (tribe’s name).

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