

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TRIBAL COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION 10- 23

**WHEREAS:** The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian Tribe (P.L. 101-484) whose business affairs are conducted by the Ponca Tribal Council as defined in the Constitution approved July 22, 1994 by the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and

**WHEREAS:** Pursuant to the Constitution of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Ponca Tribal Council shall exercise legislative powers to enact and promulgate resolutions and ordinances subject to all expenses restrictions upon such powers contained in constitution; and

**WHEREAS:** With the rebirth of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska it seeks funding to improve the justice system for Native Americans in our Service Delivery Area; and

**WHEREAS:** The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has identified the need and has developed a plan to increase the capacity of the Ponca Tribal Court. As we commit our efforts to enhancing the effectiveness of our tribal court, we will build the capacity to serve the families of our community and improve our services to "Children in Need of Supervision." We are also committed to embarking on a Public Awareness Campaign so that all Native Americans in our Service Delivery Area utilize our Ponca Tribal Court for their civil cases; and

**WHEREAS:** The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska acknowledges the importance of providing education to community members, law enforcement, members of the educational system and our staff to ensure the needs of Domestic violence victims/survivors are addressed in a professional and compassionate manner. We also have taken on the responsibility to ensure that future generations are taught Ponca traditions to respect women and children; and

**WHEREAS:** The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska acknowledges the importance of providing education to service providers, law enforcement and our staff so that the respect for our elders is upheld in households that are overwhelmed with the care of our elderly. We will involve the elders in the development of program materials so that their voices are heard; and

**WHEREAS:** The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has identified the needs of our Families with youth at risk and are committed to promoting positive activities to empower youth and build stronger families. Through a collaborative partnership with the Ponca Tribal Court we will also work with families to prevent status type offenders from becoming criminal offenders. We will promote the prevention of violence in our community by educating our community about the impact of historical trauma. We have also identified the need to reconnect our youth to their culture and their homeland as a way of restoring peace; and

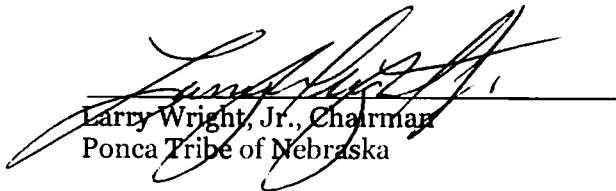
**WHEREAS:** The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Tribal Council authorizes the submittal of the Consolidated Tribal Assistance Solicitation grant application for Purpose Areas: #3 (TCAP), #6 (OVW-TGP), #7 (OVC- Elder Abuse), #8 (OJJDP- TYP) and #10 (OJJDP-Violence Prevention). The Ponca Tribal Council has identified this grant opportunity as a funding source to support the efforts related to developing the capacity of the tribe to address youth and elder justice issues for the tribe. The tribe will pursue efforts to support the sustainability of the program during this funding cycle and establish necessary partnerships to ensure the future of the services provided through these grant funds; and

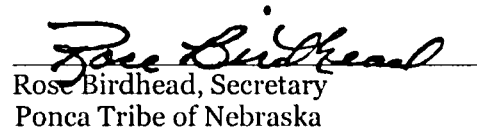
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ponca Tribe Senior Planner, Teresa Dameron is hereby directed and authorized to submit this proposal for funding to the United States Department of Justice.

**CERTIFICATION**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY AND AFFIRM that the above and foregoing resolution was duly authorized and passed by the Tribal Council of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska at a duly called meeting in Norfolk, Nebraska on the 3rd day of May, 2010 by a vote of 6 Ayes; 1 Nays; 0 Abstained; 1 Absent. Chairperson S voting X not voting. A Quorum of 8 was present.

**ATTEST**

  
Larry Wright, Jr., Chairman  
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

  
Rose Birdhead, Secretary  
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska